<u>In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.</u>

Peace and salutations be on all the Prophets.

(Adam, Noah, Jacob, Ismail, Isaac, David, Solomon, Moses, Jesus, and others, and the last and final prophet, Prophet Muhammed (Pbut).

<u>FOREWARD.</u>

The Qur'an in chapter 16, verse 125 exhorts the Muslims:

"Call unto the way of thy Lord with wisdom and fair exhortation, and reason with them in the best way. Lo! Thy Lord is best aware of him who strays from His way, and He is best aware of those who go aright."

This book has been written as the result of dialogues I had with Christian clergy as well as laity. The discussions were polite, pleasant, friendly, and constructive without the slightest intention of hurting the religious feeling of any Christian. It is provocative, and a challenge to Christianity. It is indispensable for those looking for the truth and those studying Comparative Religion.

As religion is a contentious issue, it would perhaps be appropriate to ask people of all faiths to put aside their dogmatic beliefs and consider this book with an open mind, without prejudice.

An earnest appeal is made to Muslims to buy extra copies, and to gift them to non-muslim friends, colleagues and neighbours, so that they can also benefit from this "Dialogue". This injunction is in the Qur'an: chapter 103 that we have to ***<u>"exhort towards the truth</u>***!"

I pray that God, Most Gracious, accepts this humble effort, to make our Christian brethren to at **least study the Qur'an after reading this book**. To accept or reject the message of Islam is an individual decision, as is stated in the QUR'AN time and again ***ie: "There is no compulsion in religion."*** & ***"Then whosoever will, let him believe, and whosoever will, let him disbelieve."*** Individually we will have to stand before the SOVEREIGN LORD on the Day of Judgment to answer for our own belief and deeds.

Anybody interested in comparative religion will find in this book many surprises that challenge what many once believed to be absolute truths.

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As a result of his study of Christianity, and the Bible over a four-year period, Dr. Baagil, a dedicated Muslim, learned not only that Christians differ in their basic beliefs (Trinity, Divinity of Jesus, etc.), but they are also not aware that **Church doctrine contradicts the Bible numerous times and that the Bible even contradicts itself**! His conversations with Christian clergy and laity during this period of study have provided the impetus for this publication **"Christian-Muslim Dialogue**".

The reader will be surprised to learn that in the Bible, Jesus (pbuh) never claimed to be God, that Jesus never died on the cross; that the miracles performed by Jesus were also performed by many other prophets, and even by disbelievers; and that Jesus himself prophesied the advent of the Prophet Muhammed (pbut). All of this plus much more is detailed from clear concise passages of Bible scripture. The questions that obviously must be raised after witnessing such clear contradictions are:

Is the Bible God's Word as it stands today? The effort here by Dr. Baagil is to ask the intelligent followers of Jesus (pbuh) to start looking into the authenticity of the Bible as it is printed today, and to read this booklet with an open mind. The intention in writing this book is to point out the false charges, misrepresentations and outright lies against God and His Prophets. These are grave sins and a mockery to God as well as to the pure chosen souls, (the Prophets of God) which is a most odious thing.

We are living at a time when Science and Technology reign supreme, and the human mind has been freed from the shackles of superstition and unscientific beliefs. The worshipping of idols (graven images) has also largely been abandoned and eradicated throughout the world. The realization has dawned on the intelligent people of the world that idol worship cannot benefit or harm in the least. The goal is to eradicate the worshipping of idols and false gods as every Prophet taught the worship of ONE TRUE GOD alone**. Even in the Hindu scriptures it clearly states the following: "There is no image of HIM! HE is bodiless and pure!" (Yujurved. Chapter: 32-3. & 40:8). Further in the Upanishads chapter 6:2:1 & Chapter 4:19 it clearly states: "There is no likeness of HIM, & HE is ONE only, without a second." The responsibility now rests on the Hindu Pundits to preach this truth to their flocks, and to inform them that idol worship is forbidden in their own religious Scriptures. The Pundits will be held responsible if they fail in this duty and did not convey the message.**

MUSLIM-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE also makes clear the Islamic viewpoint in these matters, and shows how the Qur'an, revealed to the Prophet Muhammed some 600 years after Jesus, (pbut)

corrects the errors that crept (***knowingly or unknowingly***) into the message that Jesus brought. **This book should prove to be a very valuable asset to both Muslims and Christians, particularly given the interest in dialogues between the two faiths. God willing, this book will be an effective tool for Muslims in our efforts to invite Christians to study Islam**. Conversely, Christians should become more aware of what in fact the Bible states and what Jesus (pbuh) himself actually taught. As the Qur'an has been translated into English and many other languages today, there is no excuse for anyone to say that they cannot understand the message of the Qur'an. The readers will find that some information is repeated in this book and we ask for their indulgence in advance for this. There are two reasons: Firstly in any conversation there is bound to be repetitions and secondly it is to stress the importance of certain significant facts.

May Allah reward Dr. Baagil for his efforts to dispel disbelief and to convey the message of Jesus and Muhammed (pbut) as they taught it. May Allah's peace be upon us all! Ameen.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING THE HOLY SEPULCHURE

Very few Christians outside of Palestine are aware that for over 1,400 years a MUSLIM FAMILY IN PALESTINE has been in charge of opening and closing this very important institution of the Christians. The same family has for generations after generation been the Custodians of the keys to the "CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHURE". In fact since the time of Caliph Omar, which is approx 1,400 years ago. The reason for this is that nightly, the different Christian sects would murder the person of the sect that had the keys, as it was an honour for that particular sect to open and close this sanctuary. When the Muslims conquered Palestine, and Caliph Omar became aware of these needless murders that were taking place nightly, he immediately took steps to quell the murders by appointing this family who lived close to the Holy Sepulture to open and close its doors. This was acceptable to all the warring Christian sects. This arrangement continues till today.

The Muslim in charge at this point in time is: *Mr. WAJEEH Y. NUSEIBEH. His telephone number in Jerusalem is:*

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Abbreviations:

Surah - Chapter.
Ayat or Ayaat - Verse / Verses. (Also means "Signs of Allah".)
C. or c. - Christian
M. or m. - Muslim
PBUH: Peace be upon him /her.
PBUT: Peace be upon them.

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PART ONE:

BEGINNING OF THE DIALOGUE.

THE FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN A CHRISTIAN AND A MUSLIM.

C. Why has there been so many discussions held between Christians and Muslims about their beliefs in the last couple of decades?

M. Because we both have several things in common. We believe in the One GOD who sent many Prophets into this world for the guidance of humanity. We both also believe in Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Word of God, which is denied by the Jews.

Our Holy Qur'an mentions in ***Surah 3:45***: "(Remember) When the angels said, '**O' Mary! Verily Allah gives you glad tidings of a word from Him, his name will be Messiah Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and in the hereafter, and of those who are nearest to Allah...'"**

Dialogues have been held everywhere in Europe, Canada, the USA and Australia. Even in the Vatican itself discussions were held between Vatican theologians and Egyptian Muslim scholars. Further dialogues were held between Vatican theologians and Saudi Arabian Muslim scholars in Rome in 1970, 1974, and 1978. Many more discussions were held in Colombo, not to mention Muslims being invited by many churches to present Islam in different parts of the world to their congregations.

C. If Christianity is nearly two thousand years old and Islam more than fourteen hundred years, why were these discussions not held centuries ago?

M. Many Asian and African countries of Muslims were colonized by Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Spain and Portugal over the past 2 to 3 centuries. Thousands of Christian missionaries tried to convert as many Muslims as they could by whatever means they had. (by bribing the poor with medical treatment, clothes, food, jobs etc but very few were converted.)

After the Second World War thousands of Muslims from Asian and African countries were immigrating as workers and professionals to the Western Hemisphere, which brought them more in contact with the Christians. Also Muslim students were active in introducing Islam to their fellow students.

C. Do you see any other reasons why many dialogues are held nowadays between the Muslims and Christian missions?

M. I think the gap between both is becoming smaller as each is more tolerant, although both are still competing in getting more converts.

We Muslims feel closer to the **sincere Christians** than to the Jews, or the idol worshippers and the atheists.

The Qur'an clearly says in ***Surah.5:v 82***: "Thou wilt find the most vehement of mankind in hostility to those who are muslims (to be) the Jews and the idolators. And thou wilt find the nearest of them in affection to those who believe; those who say: Lo! We are Christians. This is because there are among them priests and monks (i.e. persons entirely devoted to the service of God, as are the muslims) and because they are not proud."

Some Christian denominations are making tremendous progress now by acknowledging for the first time in history that Muhammed (pbuh) descended from Ishmael, (the first son of Prophet Abraham) through his second son Kedar. The 1980 Davis Dictionary of the Bible, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, writes under the word Kedar: " . . . A tribe descended from Ishmael (***Gen. 25:13***) ... The people of Kedar were Pliny's Cedrai, and from their tribe **Muhammed ultimately arose."** The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia quotes the following from A. S. Fulton: " . . . Of the Ishmaelite tribes, Kedar must have been one of the most important, and thus in later times the name came to be applied to all the wild tribes of the desert."

"It is through Kedar (Arab-Keidar) that Muslim genealogists trace the descent of Muhammed from Ishmael."

Also Smith's Bible Dictionary prints the following: "Kedar, second son of Ishmael (***Gen. 25:13***) ... Muhammed traces his lineage to Abraham through the celebrated Koreish tribe, which sprang from Kedar. The Arabs in the Hejaz are called Beni Harb (men of war), and are Ishmaelites as of old from their beginning." **Palgrave in the 1800's, says their language is as pure now as when the Koran was written (A.D. 610), having remained unchanged more than 1200 years; a fine proof of the permanency of Eastern Institutions." (1425 years in 2005).**

The biggest asset brought by Muslim immigrants to the Western hemisphere is not their manpower but Islam, which is now taking root there. Many mosques and Islamic centers have been established and many Christians have reverted into Islam. I prefer the word reverted and not converted, because, Allah, in

the Qur'an states, "every child is born in the natural religion" (Deenul Fiqh: submission to the Creator) ***i.e.*** Islam. The parents convert him to Judaism, Christianity etc.

This is further proof that Islam is spreading by ***"the sword of intellect".*** (By the propagation of individual Muslims).

Interesting fact: -

The world population has increased 136% from 1934 through 1984, Christianity increased by 47% and Islam **by 235%.** Source: ***The Plain Truth***, February 1984, in its 50 Year Anniversary issue, quoting from ***The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1935 and Reader's Digest Almanac and Yearbook 1983. On the 18/7/2005, in a B.B.C. news report it was acknowledged that ISLAM is still the fastest growing religion in the world not withstanding the 9/11/2001 bombings in America, the Madrid bombings in 2004 and the London bombings of 7/7/2005 etc.***

C. If all three religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, claim to emanate from the One and same Creator why do they differ?

M. All Prophets from Adam to Muhammed (pbut) were sent with ONE message, that is, the total submission of mankind to Allah (One God). Jews call Him Elohim and Yawah. This submission in Arabic is called Islam. Islam also means Peace, peace between the Creator and His creatures. Unlike the names Judaism and Christianity, this name Islam has been given by Allah, the Creator Himself, as mentioned in ***Surah 5:v3***: of the Qur'an: "This day have I (Allah) perfected your religion for you and completed MY favour upon you, and have chosen for you Al-Islam as your religion and as the way of life". Neither the name Judaism nor Christianity is found in the Old Testament or New Testament of the Bible, and not even in a Bible dictionary.

No Israelite prophet mentioned the word Judaism. Jesus never claimed to establish Christianity on earth and never called himself a Christian. The word Christian is mentioned only three times in the New Testament. The first time by pagans and Jews in Antioch about 43 A.D., long after Jesus had left this earth. Read in ***Acts 11:26***: "...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

Later by King Agrippa II to Paul in ***Acts. 26:28***: "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

So the name Christian was first given by foes rather than friends. And finally by Peter in his letter to comfort the faithful in ***I Peter 4:16***: "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed...."

The first Muslim on earth is not Muhammed, but Adam (pbut). Islam as a way of life had been revealed to all prophets from Adam to Muhammed (pbut). Thus Islam is the way of life for all humanity. In ***chapter 3.V.83, 84*** of the Glorious Qu'ran Allah states: "***Seek they other than the religion of Allah, when unto Him submitteth whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and unto Him they will be returned. Say: We believe in Allah, and in what is revealed to us and what was revealed to Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto Moses, Jesus, and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between one and another amongst them, and to Allah do we bow, and submit our will (in Islam).***

C. How can you say that Abraham was a Muslim? He is known as a Jew!

M. A Jew? Who told you that?

C. We are taught that. The Bible must confirm it, too.

M. Can you show me where in the Bible it says that he is a Jew? If you can't find it easily, let me help you.

Read ***Genesis 11:31***.

C. "And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarah his daughter-in-law, (Abram's wife) and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran and dwelt there."

M. So Abraham was born in Ur of Chaldees and could not have been a Jew. Firstly, Ur of Chaldees was in Mesopotamia, which is now a part of Iraq. He was then more an Arab than a Jew. **Secondly the name Jew came after the existence of Judah, the great-grandson of Abraham. Read further, *Genesis 12:4 & 5*.**

C. " . . . And Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.... and into the land of Canaan they came."

M. So Abraham emigrated to Canaan at the **age of seventy-five years** and the Bible clearly mentions that he was there as a stranger in ***Genesis 17:8***: "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." Read also ***Genesis 14:13***

C. "And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew;"

M. Can you see? **The Bible calls Abraham a Hebrew and not a Jew.** Hebrew means a man from the other side of the Euphrates. It also means pertaining to Eber, a descendant of Shem. Read in

Genesis 32:28 what happened to the name Jacob after wrestling with an angel.

C. "And he said, thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."

M. To summarize: Abraham was a Hebrew. The descendants of Jacob were Israelites consisting of the twelve tribes. Judah was nicknamed "Jew" so that only Judah's descendants were called Jews originally. To know who Moses really was, read ***Exodus 6:16-20***.

C. "And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Ghershon, and Kohath, and Merari.... And the sons of Kohath; Amram.... And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses."

M. **So Moses was not a Jew because he was not descended from Judah but a Levite.** Moses was given the Torah (Law), which was given for the Jews. (The children of Israel.)

C. How can you explain that?

M. Because we are using the Holy Qur'an as the standard. One can explain the Bible and correct the Jewish and Christian prejudice with the context of the Qur'an. **It is the last revealed Book, which has never been corrupted or adulterated.** ***Allah, Great & Glorious is He, in Surah 2:v2 has guaranteed its contents: "This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt***... " And also in ***Surah 15:v9***: "***No doubt We have sent down the Qur'an and surely We will guard it (from corruption***)." This verse is a challenge to mankind. It is a clear fact that more than fourteen hundred years have passed since its revelation and ***not***

a single letter of this Qur'an has been changed. Disbelievers tried their utmost to change it, but they failed miserably in their efforts. As is mentioned in this Holy Verse: **"We will guard this Book," and, Allah definitely has guarded it.**

On the contrary, all the other holy books (Torah, Psalms, Gospels, etc.) have been adulterated / interpolated and in the form of additions, deletions or alterations from the original. Read about this fact in the forewords of the Bibles where it states that is has been revised, re-revised, and re-re-revised.

C. How can you prove that the Bible has been revised, and the Qur'an is still in its original text?

M. The first Bible was printed in England in 1538. In 1560 the first revised English Bible was printed and divided into verses. Under Henry VIII, the Bible was revised again. Again it was revised under Queen Elizabeth. Then revised under King James at Hampton Court in 1611. Since then it has undergone many more revisions as stated in the preface to the Bible. At a conservative guess it must have been revised more than 20 times since 1538. **The most recent major revisions were done in 1952 and 1971. From the foregoing it is clear and beyond doubt that the present Bible has undergone too many changes to be accepted as the original word of God**. Many scholars of the Bible are in agreement of this fact! The forewords of the different Bibles state that it has been revised and when etc. As for the Qur'an there are two original Qur'ans that were hand-written more than 1400 years ago and are still intact and are in existence today. One is in the Topkapi Palace Museum in Istanbul, (Turkey) and the other is in Tashkent (Uzbekistan). The United Nations (UNESCO) has verified the Authenticity of them and

has issued a proclamation in writing verifying the authenticity of the Qur'an. This certificate is displayed next to each of the Qur'ans.

C. What does the Qur'an say about Abraham and Moses that you can deduce from the Bible?

M. In ***Surah 3:v65***: "O' people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) why do you dispute about Abraham, while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed till after him? Have you then no sense?"

And it says in ***Surah 3:v67***: "Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim (worshiper of none but Allah alone) and he joined none in worship with Allah."

Qur'an ***Surah 2:v140***: "Or say you that Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob were Jews or Christians? Say (O' Muhammed), "Do you know better or does Allah (know better)? And who is more unjust than he who conceals the testimony he has from Allah? And Allah is not unaware of what you do." Of course they were not Jews or Christians. The name Jews came after Judah and the name Christians came long after Jesus had been raised up as explained earlier.

C. It feels strange to hear the name Allah. Why don't you say God if you speak English?

M. Good question. The name Allah seems to be strange to non-Muslims but this name has been used by all Prophets since Adam until Muhammed (pbut). It is a contraction of the two Arabic words Al -Ilah, ***i.e.*** The God. By dropping-the letter "I" you will find the word Allah. According to its position in an Arabic sentence it can have the form "Allaha" that is close to the

Hebrew name of the Creator***, i.e.*** Eloha. The Jews are using the plural form of respect when they say "Elohim". (in the eastern languages there are two types of plural: one is of numbers and the other is of respect).The word "Allaha" sounds closer to the Aramaic word for God used by Jesus, namely "Allaha" (see Encyclopedia Britannica 1980 under Allah and Elohim). So while the name Allah is strange to non-Muslims, it is not strange to all Prophets from Adam to Muhammed, (pbut) as they propagated in principle the same Islam, ***i.e.*** total submission to ALLAH. The word Allah denotes the personal name of the Supreme Being. **It is not subject to plurality or gender,** so there is no such thing as Allahs, or male or female Allah, as there are Gods and Goddess in the English language. It is also confusing to use the words God and Creator as many English-speaking Christians still consider Jesus to be God and Creator. Not only the name Allah is strange to the non-Muslims but also the way Muslims worship Allah with ablution, bowing, kneeling, and prostrating. Modern Christians have deliberately abandoned the ablution (washing of face, arms, feet, and moistening of the hair) prior to worship; but it is still a requirement for Muslims. All the Prophets did this ablution as seen in the following passages of the Bible: ***Exodus 40:31-32:*** "And **Moses** and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat, when they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near unto the alter they washed; as the Lord commanded Moses." Although Paul corrupted the teachings of Jesus (pbuh) he was still faithful in respect to ablution as seen in ***Acts 21:26.***

"Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them as in ***I Corinthians 11:5,6 and 13***: "But every woman that prayeth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head:

for that is even as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her head also be shorn; but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be entered into the temple'..." Muslim women perform their prayer with their head covered. Judge for yourself; is it better that a woman prays unto God with her head covered or uncovered? Muslims worship with bowing, kneeling, prostration and without shoes as done by previous Prophets. ***Psalm 95:6:*** "O' come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker." ***Joshua 5:14:*** "And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship." ***I Kings 18:42***: "And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees." ***Numbers 20:6***: " And they (Moses and Aaron) fell upon their faces and the glory of the Lord appeared upon them." ***Genesis 17:3***: "And Abram fell on his face and God talked with him saying..." ***Exodus 3:5 and Acts 7:33***: "And He (God) said (to Moses) Draw not nigh hither, put off thy shoes from off thy feet for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." And when Jesus went into the garden of Gethsemane to pray to God for deliverance from the snare of the Jewish Doctors and Pharisees "he fell on his face and prayed to God".

A Christian will be shocked in hearing that Pilgrimage or Haj as is now done by Muslims by circumbulating around The Ka'bah, that was built by Prophet Abraham & his son Ismail (pbut) in Makkah, had been performed by many Prophets, even by Israelite Prophets.

C. I have never read Pilgrimage or sacred stone in the Bible.

M. This has been mentioned clearly several times but overlooked by Bible readers:

1. Jacob on his way to Padan-aram saw a vision and built the next morning a pillar of stone, which he called Beth-El, ***i.e.*** the House of the Lord. (***Genesis 28:18-19***).

2. Years later the same Prophet, Jacob, was ordered by Allah to go to Beth-El (***Genesis 35:4,14,15***). Jacob removed all the strange idol gods and graven images prior to going there. Centuries later Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) also destroyed all 360 idols in and around the sacred stone ("Ka'bah") in Makkah.

3. Another pillar was built by Jacob and his father-in-law Laban (***Genesis 31:45-49***) "And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, gather stones, and they took stones, and made a heap; and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban called it "Jegar-sahadutha," but Jacob called it "Galeed".... And "Mizpah" for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee…"

4. Jephthah and Ammon had a war against each other. Jephthah swore to the Lord in Mizpeh of Galeed to sacrifice his only daughter if he won. He did win, and burnt his daughter there alive as an offering to the Lord. ***Judges. 11: 29-39.***

5. 400,000 swordsmen from the eleven tribes of Israel swore before the Lord in Mizpeh to exterminate the tribes of Benjamin. (***Judges 20 and 21).***

6. The children of Israel under Samuel swore in Mizpeh to destroy their idols if they won against the Philistines (***I Samuel 7).***

7. The whole nation of Israel assembled in Mizpeh when Samuel was appointed king of Israel. (***I Samuel 10***).
8. It is obvious now that there is no Mizpah left in the world except the oldest one in the Holy City of Makkah built by Abraham and his son Ishmael, from whom later Prophet Muhammed arose. Muslims are the real followers of all Prophets**.** I can tell you other things about Muslims, Islam and Muhammed (pbuh) that are in the Bible, but we can only discuss further if you are really looking seriously for the truth.

C. I am sure of my own faith as a Christian but I am stimulated to know more about Islam. I want to get as much information as I can about Islam and compare it with Christianity. I do not want to have a "blind dogmatic faith" but something that I can believe in with certainty.

M. Does it affect you in your religious life?

C. Yes, I am not going to Church as regularly as before, and I have been reading the Qur'an in English as well as books written by Muslims. I have asked several Muslims what was not clear to me, but the answers were not wholly to my satisfaction. Perhaps they were not too well versed in Islam themselves. However, I think that your knowledge is more and perhaps you can help me. I want a belief system that I can rely on, and give me peace of mind. Also it must be logical and **scientifically acceptable. I do not want to believe in any religion blindly, whether it is Islam or Christianity or any other religion.**

M. Absolutely! I agree with you. But we are not allowed to allure anyone. **We propagate and hold dialogues with only those who want to discuss and want to know more about Islam.**

C. But **I** am free to choose any belief I like and nobody can stop me.

M. That is true. It's your choice. "There is no compulsion in religion."

C. Why are Muslims calling other people to accept Islam then?

M. As the Christians ask the Jews to accept Jesus as the Messiah, we Muslims ask the Christians as well as Jews, and all of mankind to accept Muhammed (pbuh) as the "Last and final Prophet." Also because our Prophet Muhammed (pbuh**)** said: "Convey my message even if it is just one verse of the Holy Qur'an."

Furthermore, it is mentioned in **Isaiah, chapter 21:13, "The burden upon Arabia" which means** ***the responsibility of the Muslim Arabs***, (of course of all Muslims now) is to spread the teachings of Islam. Isaiah mentioned this after he saw in a vision a chariot of asses and a chariot of camels (21:7) "And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed." The chariot of asses turned out to belong to Jesus (pbuh) who entered Jerusalem. (John 12:14; Matthew 21:5). The question arises: Whom then did the chariot of camels belong to? **The Church is quiet on this question.** The answer is obvious: It could be none other than Muhammed (pbuh) who came after the advent of the Jesus (pbuh). Camels are the chief means of transport of Arabia. If this is not accepted, then for 2,000 years this prophecy has not been fulfilled.

C. Your explanation stimulates me to review the Bible more carefully. I would like to have more discussions with you.

M. Yes, by all means. Only by having discussions can one arrive at an acceptable answer. This world is a temporary abode. The hereafter, which is everlasting, is our goal. Death is a certainty and none of us wish to regret in the hereafter of not making every effort in this life to discover the truth. You know that people are now becoming more materialistic and secular. People make plans for years in advance, but fail to realize that death will catch up with us at anytime. Let us come together as often as you want and discuss the differences frankly, and without prejudice. Don't be afraid to ask any questions that you feel needs clarification. Islam is based on logic and reason, and you should not just accept it. Even your Bible says: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (***I Thessalonians 5:21).***

C. Thank you for encouraging me to ask questions. When I ask of our Priest certain questions which he cannot answer, he says, "It is a mystery that we have to believe in, and accept. " I think he is just evading the questions by saying this. You quoted just now "chariot of camels" from Isaiah and concluded that it was Muhammed. Is he then prophesied in the Bible?

M. Off course!

C. In the Old or New Testament.

M. In both. But you cannot recognize him in the Bible as long as you don't believe in the Unity of God. I mean, as long as you still believe in the Trinity, the Divinity of Jesus, the Divine Sonship of Jesus, the Original Sin and the Atonement. Men made all of these doctrines up. Jesus had prophesied (*Matthew 15:9)* that people would worship him uselessly and believe in doctrines made by men: **"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."** Is this not true of the Church,

teaching doctrine that is made by the Cardinals and Pope? Definitely! Because if you study the Bible even as it stands, you will see the truth of this statement made by Jesus more than 2,000 years ago.

C. Interesting point. But you will have to give me proof!

THE HOLY BIBLE

M. Okay. Are you sure that the Bible is God's word?

C. Yes, I am very sure it is God's Word.

M. Read what ***Luke*** said about his recording in ***1: 2 & 3***.

C. "Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word. It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus."

M. Ponder carefully. **Luke says here that he himself was not an eyewitness**. **The knowledge he gathered was from eyewitnesses and not as words inspired by God. How can the Bible be God's word from hearsay**?

C. Maybe only this part is not God's word.

M. History has shown that the Bible suffered changes throughout the ages. As I stated before, from 1538 up to the 1970's it has ***undergone dozens of changes and there are dozens of versions of the Bible***. **You know that there cannot be different versions of God's word.** ***The last two major changes made to the Revised Standard Version were in 1952 and 1971***. The New

American Standard Bible and the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures have expunged certain verses compared with the King James Version. Reader's Digest has reduced the Old Testament by **fifty percent** and the New Testament condensed by about **twenty-five percent**. Some years ago Christian theologians wanted to "desex" the Bible. ***Some Christian Theologians claim: "It is human as well as divine." This is a clear contradiction as it cannot be both! From the above facts it is clear that the Bible is "Human" and not "Divine".*** Does "holy" to you mean that the Bible is free from error?

C. Yes**.** But what kind of error do you mean?

M Examples: The Bible states in Genesis that vegetation was created first and then the sun was created. This is clearly unscientific! Vegetation cannot grow without sunlight. Another example:

Suppose one verse states that a certain person died at the age of fifty years and another verse states that the ***same person*** had died at the age of sixty years, can both statements be right?

C. Definitely not! Both statements can never be right. Only one can be right or both are wrong.

M. Right! If a holy book contains conflicting verses, do you still consider it holy?

C. Of course not, because a Holy Scripture is a revelation from God and it is impossible for it to contain mistakes, contradictions or conflicting verses. God is perfect!

M. Then it's not holy again.

C. Right! Its holiness disappears.

M. Agreed! So you can't trust it one hundred percent. What could be the causes then?

C. It could be a mistake in the recording; deliberate changes by scribes; deletions or additions.

M. If I show you conflicting verses in the Bible, would you still consider it holy?

C. I don't believe that the Bible is not holy, since I don't see any conflicting verses in it.

M. There are many conflicting verses in it.

C. In the Old or New Testament?

M. In both Testaments. These are just a few of them. But I want to remind you that you must not differentiate between the Old & New Testament as Jesus stated time and again that he did not come to change the Law. Otherwise the Church must cut out the Old Testament completely if today's Christians do not wish to believe in it any longer.

Here are a few contradictions:

II Samuel 8:4. And David took from him a thousand chariots and ***seven hundred horseman***, and twenty thousand footmen…	***I Chronicles 18:4.*** And David took from him a thousand chariots and ***seven thousand horseman,*** and twenty thousand footmen.
***Question:** Was it Seven hundred or Seven thousand????*	***Which is correct????***

II Samuel 8:9-10.	***I Chronicles 18:4***.
When ***Toi*** king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of ***Hadadezer.*** Then ***Toi*** sent ***Joram*** his son unto king David, to salute him and to bless him; because he had fought against ***Hadadezer,*** and had smitten him; for ***Hadadezer*** had wars with ***Toi***. And ***Joram*** with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass.	Now when ***Tou*** king of Hamath heard of how David had smitten all the host of ***Hadarezer*** king of ***Zobah;*** he sent ***Hadoram*** his son to David, to enquire of his welfare, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against ***Hadarezer,*** and smitten him; (for ***Hadarezer*** had war with ***Tou***) and with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass.
Question: ***Was it Toi or Tou ? Joram or Hadoram? Hadadezar or Hadarezer ????***	***Which names are correct??***
II Samuel 10:18.	***I Chronicles 19:18***.
And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew the men of ***seven hundred chariots*** of the Syrians, and ***forty thousand horsemen,*** and smote **Shobach** the captain of their host, who died there.	But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven ***thousand men*** that fought in chariots and ***forty thousand footmen*** & killed ***Shophach*** the captain of the host.
Question: ***Was it men of Seven hundred chariots or seven thousand men?***	***Question: Was it Forty thousand footmen or forty thousand horsemen?? Was it Shobach or Shophach ??***

II Kings 8:26 Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign.	***II Chronicles 22:2*** Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign.
Question: ***Was he twenty-two years old???***	***Or was he forty-two years old ??? Which is correct??***
II Kings 24:8 Jehoiachim was ***eighteen years*** old when he began to reign and he reigned in Jerusalem ***three months.***	***II Chronicles 36:9*** Jehoiachim was ***eight years old*** when he began to reign, and he ***reigned three months and ten days*** in Jerusalem.
Question: ***Was he eight years old or was he eighteen years old?????***	***Question***: ***Did he reign for three months only or for three months & ten days???***
II Samuel 23:8	***I Chronicles 11:11***
These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The ***Tachmonite*** that sat in the seat , chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lifted up his spear against ***eight hundred***, whom he slew at one time.	And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: ***Jashobeam***, an ***Hachmonite***, the chief of the captains; he lifted up his spear against ***three hundred*** slain by him at one time.

Question: ***Was it a Tachmonite or a Hachmonite?????***	***Question***: ***was it eight hundred or was it three hundred???***
II Samuel 24:1 And again the anger of the ***Lord*** was kindled against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, go number Israel and Judah.	***I Chronicles 21:1*** **And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel**.
Question: ***Who provoked David? Was it the*** **Lord** ***or was it*** **Satan*???***	**This is a very serious contradiction**. **Shocking!**
II Samuel 6:23. Therefore ***Michal the daughter of Saul*** had ***no child*** until the day of her death. ***Question***: ***Did Michal, the daughter of Saul, have no sons, or five sons???***	***II Samuel 21:8.*** But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni, and Mephibosheth; and the ***five sons*** of ***Michal the daughter of Saul***, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barziai the Meholathite.

Note: The name Michal in ***II Samuel 21:8*** is still present in the King James version and the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures used by the Jehovah's Witnesses, but is changed in the New American Standard Bible 1973.

C. I never saw all these contradictions before. Are there any more?

M. Yes, there are dozens more. But is this not enough to deny its holiness? Read the following: ***Genesis 6:3***: "And the Lord said, 'My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh, yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.'" How old was Noah when he died?

C. I don't remember.

M. More than a hundred and twenty years. Read ***Genesis 9:29***:

C. ***"And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years when he died."*** Some Christian theologians do not maintain that the maximum age of man will be a hundred and twenty years but that the flood came in a hundred and twenty years.

M. Even this doesn't fit because at the time of the flood Noah should have been 620 (500 + 120) years old, but the Bible states 600 years. Study these verses-***Genesis 5:32***: "And Noah was **five hundred years old**..." ***Genesis 7:6***: "And Noah **was six hundred years old** when the flood of waters was upon the earth. ***Was he 500 years old or was he 600 years old?? Clear contradiction.***

Christianity believes that God created man in His image. This is according to ***Genesis 1:26***: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . ." But this contradicts ***Isaiah 40:18 and 25***: "To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him? ... To whom then will ye liken ME, or shall I be equal? Saith the Holy One." See also ***Psalm 89:6***: "For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto

the Lord?" And ***Jeremiah 10:6,7***: "Forasmuch as there is none like unto Thee, O' Lord ... there is none like unto Thee."

C. But all these are in the Torah.

M. Again you are differentiating between the Old and the New Testament. It is part of the Bible that the Christians have to believe in. Did not Jesus say clearly that he came not to destroy the Law (Torah) but to uphold it? Jesus obeyed Moses' Law to the letter and you want to make divisions by saying this is Old Testament and this is New Testament. You must be careful about playing with your faith. Anyway let's go to the New Testament now. Here are a few examples:

John 5:37. Ye have neither heard His voice (God's) at any time, nor seen His shape.	John 8:14. He that has seen me, hath seen the Father…
John 5:31. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.	John 8:14. Jesus answered and said unto them; though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true.
Mark 69:9. Blind Bartimaeus, sat… (One blind person)	Matthew 8:28. Met two men blind, (Two blind persons)
Matthew 21. Jesus asked for a colt and an ass.	Mark chapter 1. Jesus asked only for an ass.
Matthew. Describes Joseph as a son of Jacob.	Luke. Describes Joseph as a son of Heli.

Luke. 3:23. Says Jesus was 30 years old when he departed.	John. 8:57. Says that Jesus was 50 years old when he departed.

These are only a **few** of the contradictions in the New Testament. You will see many ***more*** as we discuss together the truth of the doctrines of modern Christianity like the Trinity, Divinity of Jesus Christ, Divine Sonship of Jesus, Original Sin and Atonement, not to mention the degrading accusations and outright lies against many Prophets in the Bible. The prophets are accused as worshippers of false gods and of incest, rape and adultery. I seek forgiveness of ALLAH, for even just uttering these terrible things.

C. Where do you find that in the Bible?

M. Noah is shown to have been drunk to the point of becoming naked in the presence of his grown-up sons (***Genesis 9:23-24***): "And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him."

Solomon was accused not only of having a large harem but also of worshipping false gods (***I Kings 11:9-10***): "And the Lord was angry with Solomon ... And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded."

Aaron as a Prophet who had accompanied his brother Moses to go to Pharaoh, was accused of having fashioned the golden calf for the Israelites to worship (***Exodus 32:4):*** "And he (Aaron) received them (golden earrings) at their hand, and fashioned it

with a graving tool, after he had made it a golden calf; and they said, these be thy gods O' Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

You will read of the incest of Prophet Lot with his two daughters (***Genesis 19:36):*** "Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father."

You will read of a Prophet who was married to two sisters at the same time that is forbidden (***Genesis 29:28***): "And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week, and he (Laban) gave him Rachel, his daughter to wife also."

And another Prophet is accused of adultery (***II Samuel 11:4-5***) "And David sent messengers, and took her, (the wife of Uriah) and she came in unto him and he lay with her, for she was purified from her uncleanness, and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived and sent and told David, I am with child."

A very important question arises here: How could David then be accepted in the genealogy of Jesus when it started with a person who committed adultery? Is this not in **contradiction** with what is mentioned in ***Deuteronomy 23:2***: "A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord." (Muslims reject all of the above lies).

Another allegation of incest along with rape by Ammon the son of David on his half-sister Tamar (***II Samuel 13:14***): "Howbeit he (Ammon) would not hearken unto her voice: but being stronger than she (Tamar), forced her, and lay with her."

Still another multiple rape by Absalom on David's concubines, is told in ***11 Samuel 16:33***: "So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house, and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel." (I can't believe that anybody in the world could do this, imagine on a rooftop before everyone).

Another incest, this time committed by Judah on Tamar his daughter-in-law. Judah was on his way to Timnath to shear his sheep when he saw Tamar, and he thought her to be a harlot because she had her face covered (***Genesis 38:18***): "... And he (Judah) gave it to her, (signet, bracelet and staff) and came in unto her and she conceived by him." **The Qur'an rejects all these false allegations most vehemently. (I seek Allah's forgiveness for even writing these things.)**

Although Jews and Muslims are archenemies, no Muslim would dare to write a book and stamp any Israelite Prophet like Judah, David, Jesus, (pbut) or any prophet with rape, adultery, incest or prostitution. (I again seek ALLAH'S forgiveness for even writing these terrible and vile things, which no Muslim will ever believe!) Yet these horrible things are in your Bible, which Christians blindly accept and believe! As-Tagfirullah! (I seek the forgiveness of Allah). Muslims respect, love and revere all the prophets of God, including all the Jewish Prophets, as it is an article of faith of a Muslim to do so! We would never speak or write evil of them! Any Muslim who believes these types of allegations becomes an unbeliever according to the Qur'an.

Ask yourself this important question:

When Allah sent Prophets for the guidance of mankind, do you think that He had chosen the wrong people for the guidance of mankind?

C. Certainly not! But don't you believe in the Bible?

M. We Muslims believe in all the revealed Divine Scriptures, but ***in their original text***. ***Jesus (pbuh) spoke Aramaic***. Not English or Greek or Latin or any another language. Let us be very clear on this. So where is the original Bible in Aramaic? It does not exist! God sent to each nation a Prophet as a warner and bearer of good tidings, and some with a Scripture as guidance for their people. ***Examples:*** The ***Torah (Old Testament) to Moses, the Zabur (Psalms) to David, and the Injeel (New Testament-Good News) to Jesus.*** It is stated many times clearly in the Bible that Jesus (pbuh) himself said to his disciples "don't go in the way of the Gentiles" meaning do not go to the non-Jews. As part of Allah's original plan, ***He finally sent Muhammed (peace be upon him) as the Final and last Prophet with the Final Revelation, the Holy Qur'an as the guidance for all of mankind, irrespective of nationalities and for all times***. **Of these Scriptures only the Qur'an remains in its original text.**

Jesus himself said that he was sent only to the house of Israel. (***Matthew 15:24):*** "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Also (***Matthew 1:21***): "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save ***his people*** from their sins." (i.e. the Jews). Jesus also said that he came not to make changes but to fulfill the Law. (***Matthew 5:17-18): "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say***

unto you, till heaven and earth pass, not one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." In Chapter 61.v6 of the Qur'an it states emphatically that Jesus came to the Jews.

C. But in ***Mark 16:15*** Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

M. This contradicts what is mentioned above in ***Matthew 15:24*** and ***Matthew 1:21***.Very Important: ***Mark 16:9-20 has been expunged in many Bibles***. The New American Standard Bible put this part in brackets and wrote the following commentary: "***Some of the oldest manuscripts omit Matthew verses 9 through 20."*** The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures used by the Jehovah's Witnesses, admits that certain ancient manuscripts add a long conclusion or a short conclusion after ***Mark 16:8*** but some omit it entirely. The Revised Standard version prints the following footnote: "***Some of the most ancient authorities bring the book to a close at the end of verse 8:"*** ***This means also that the resurrection is not true as this is described in Mark 16:9.***

C. But Jesus said in ***Matthew 28:19***: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations."

M. "All nations" must be explained as "all the twelve tribes of Israel;" otherwise it contradicts ***Matthew 15:24 and Matthew 1:21***. In the New American Standard Bible and the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures it is not translated as "all nations" of the world, but as ***"all the nations," which means "the twelve tribes of Israel."*** What do you think of the Bible's authenticity now?

C. **I am now having doubts about it.**

M. I am sure you will be convinced of the authenticity of Islam after we have discussed in detail our differences. I urge you to ask as many questions as you wish. That is the only way you can dispel any lingering doubts you may have in your mind and reach finality in your search for the truth!

C. You know it is a pleasant change to hear you say again that I must ask questions. Our learned Christian theologians discourage anyone to ask questions. I think that it is my right to ask questions to know the truth.

M. Of course its a person's right to ask questions. It is a pity that more ordinary Christians like you don't ask questions of the Priests on the Doctrines that the Church preaches. Our Sheiks and Imams encourage us to ask questions, as it is a fundamental right of a person. That is the only way to dispel any doubts. The answers must appeal to your intellect, be logical and reasonable and must make sense otherwise you will be the loser. In fact in many mosques around the world, classes are held regularly only to field questions from the ordinary people.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

M. Do you still believe in the Trinity?

C. Sure, it is written in the First Epistle of ***John 5:7 & 8,*** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

M. Oh, that is in the authorized King James Version, of 1611, and formed the strongest evidence for the Doctrine of the Trinity. ***But now this part, "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" has been expunged in the Revised Standard Version of 1952 and 1971 and in many other Bibles, as it was a gross error that had encroached on the Greek text*** **according to the Doctors of Divinity of the Church.**

C. Really. I was not aware of this! This is shocking!

M. Yes. Also in ***I John 5:7 & 8*** in the New American Standard Bible it reads as follows: "And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are in agreement." Also, in the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures used by the Jehovah's Witnesses, you will find: "For there are three witness bearers, the spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are in agreement." ***I can understand if you don't know that this important part has been removed, but I wonder why many ministers and preachers are not aware of this. Or if they are aware, why don't they inform their flock of this?***

The Trinity is not Biblical. The word Trinity is not even in the Bible or even in the Bible dictionaries. It was never taught by Jesus and was never mentioned by him. There is no basis or proof in the Bible whatsoever for the acceptance of the Trinity.

C. But in ***Matthew 28:19*** we still find: "... baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This part is not removed yet, so is this not a proof of the Trinity?

M. No. If you mention three different persons are sitting or eating together, does it mean that they are forming one person?

Definitely not! The formulation of the Trinity by Athanasius, an Egyptian deacon from Alexandria, was accepted by the ***Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, i.e*****. more than three centuries after Jesus had been taken up.** Without doubt Roman and Egyptian paganism had influence in this doctrine of the triune god.

C. I want proof of your allegation that there is Roman & Egyptian paganism in Christianity**.**

M. Okay! These are the Gods & sons of the Gods of the following nations that had influence:

GREEKS	Appolo, Dionysius
ROMANS	Hercules.
SYRIANS	Adonis & Attis.
PERSIANS	Mithra
EGYPTIANS	Osiris, Isis, Horus
BABYLONIANS	Baal, Astarte

From the above you can see that these nations worshipped these imaginative gods and idols, and when Paul decided to make Jesus into son of God these nations found it reasonable to believe it.

Also the Sabbath, which was observed on Saturday by Jesus, was shifted to Sunday; ***December 25, which was the birthday of their sun god Mithra, was introduced as Jesus' birthday***. The Bible clearly predicted and forbade the decoration of Christmas trees in ***Jeremiah 10:2-5***: "Thus saith the Lord, learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are

vain: for one cutteth ***a tree*** out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers that it moves not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not; they must be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good." Yet the Christians have been doing this for centuries and the Church & the Priests have not stopped this evil, which is clearly forbidden in the Bible as it is an innovation and against the teachings of the Bible.

The Roman Julian calendar was introduced as the Christian era; the eating of pork became acceptable though Jesus never ate pork, circumcision was abolished by Paul (***Galatians 5:2)*** "***Behold, I, Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing***." Yet circumcision is a covenant between God and Prophet Abraham and his descendants. Abraham and his son and men folk of his household were ordered to circumcise by God. Because Christianity had deviated a long way from the original teachings of Jesus (pbuh), Allah then sent as part of His original plan, His final messenger, Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) as a revivalist to restore the original teachings.

Tell me: who is greater? Paul or Abraham. (pbuh).

C. Abraham of course! He was a Prophet of God. Paul is only a disciple.

M. Exactly! Jesus said: "The disciple cannot be greater than the master?" The Bible records that Jesus was circumcised on the 8th day after his birth if you remember and Paul comes and abrogates it. So anyone with a little bit of common sense can see

that it is compulsory to circumcise and not accept Paul's teaching. Jesus states in the Bible that a man who is not circumcised is like a dog!

The Holy Qur'an warns in Surah 5:73& 74: "They do blaspheme who say, Allah is Christ the son of Mary. But said Christ: O' Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. Whoever joins other gods with Allah- Allah will forbid him the garden, (i.e. paradise) and the fire will be his abode. There will for the wrong doers, be no one to help".

"Surely they are disbelievers, those who say: Allah is one of the three in a Trinity: But there is none who has the right to be worshiped but one God (i.e. Allah). And if they cease not from what they say, verily a painful torment will befall the disbelievers among them".

Now do you still believe in the Trinity, which was never taught by Jesus?

C. You have given me a lot of things to think about with this last reply! But God and Jesus are one ***(John 14:11):*** "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me."

M. Read then John 17:21.

C. "That they (the disciples) all art in one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be art in one..."

M. It is clear here that God and Jesus are one, but also that the disciples are one in Jesus and God. If Jesus is God because he is ***in*** God, why are the disciples then not God, as they all are like Jesus also ***in*** God? If God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost form one unit of Trinity, then with the disciples included they should form a God unit of fifteen. You see if one reads the context in which

this is spoken, then one will realise that **God, Jesus and the disciples are one in purpose**. i.e. to save humanity from the darkness of disbelief, idol worship and of enslavement to human beings. Suppose that I am a medical doctor, and my father and my grandfather are medical doctors, and I say, "We are all one". Anyone who reads or hears this in its proper context will realise that "**in profession we are one,**" not that we are joined in one unit of creation. Each one is a separate entity and therefore we are three separate persons.

C. But Jesus is God according to ***John 14:9***: "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

M. See to the context again. What is before and after this: (***John 14:8***): "Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." (***John 14:9):*** "Jesus saith unto him, I have been so long a time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hast seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, shew us the Father?"

Jesus explained to Philip. You should believe in God by admiring His creation: the sun, the moon, themselves and all the other beautiful creation of God, and Jesus himself who was created by God. Jesus said (***John 4:24):*** "God is a Spirit. (***John 5:37):*** " . . . ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape." So how can you see a spirit then? ***What they saw was Jesus and not God***. Also Paul said (***I Timothy 6:16***): **"... whom no man hath seen, nor can see . . ." So what you can see with your eyes can never be God.**

C. But Thomas said "my God and my Lord".

M. Again read the context. ***It is an exclamation of surprise and shock***! Suppose while talking to you, someone informed me that

my mother had met an accident and I exclaimed, “my God!” Does it mean that I am calling you “my God?” Of course not! I said “my God” as an exclamation. If you read the context in which Thomas said this, you will see that it was an exclamation. People exclaim “my God” all the time when they hear something shocking.

C. To be honest, it is difficult to deny what has been taught to us since childhood.

M. Maybe the following questions will give you a better understanding of the Trinity. What is the Holy Spirit?

C. The Holy Spirit is the Holy Ghost, is also God. We are taught the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. We are not allowed to say Three Gods, but One God.

M. Read ***Matthew 1:18.***

C. “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.”

M. Compare now with ***Luke 1:26& 27***.

C. “And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary.”

M. So in the miraculous birth of Jesus, Matthew mentioned the Holy Ghost and Luke mentioned the angel Gabriel. Who is the Holy Ghost then?

C. **The Holy Ghost is then the angel Gabriel!!**

M. Exactly! Do you still believe in the Trinity now?

C. Then God is God, the Holy Ghost or the Holy Spirit is the angel Gabriel, and Jesus is...

M. Go on! Say it! ***Jesus, the son of Mary is a messenger / prophet of God .***

C. How can you solve what the Church calls a mystery?

M. We use the Holy Qur'an as the standard to correct the changes made by men in the previously revealed scriptures. If you can now believe in God as one, the Holy Ghost as Gabriel the favorite angel of God, and Jesus, the son of Mary, as a Prophet, why don't you go one step further and accept Muhammed as the Last Messenger? Read the Shahadah (Testimony), first in English, then in Arabic to accept the truth of Islam.

C. Read it to me in English so I can understand it first.

M. "I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, Who has no partner, and Muhammed is His slave, servant and messenger". "***Ash-hadu Allah Ilaha illal-Lahu wahdahu la shareekalahu wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh."***

C. Wait a minute! What about my great-grandparents who passed away? They were all Christians.

M. Abraham (pbuh) had left his parents and great-grandparents when the Truth was manifested to him. He was only about 13 years old then if you remember.

Everyone is responsible for himself. Maybe the Truth hadn't come to your ancestors as clearly as it comes to you now. The *Holy Qur'an* states in *Surah 17:15*: **"Whoever goes aright, then he goes aright only for his own soul's benefit. And whoever**

goes astray, he goes astray only to his own soul's loss. No laden soul can bear another's load. And We (Allah) never punish until We have sent an apostle (to give warnings)."

The Truth has come to you now and it is up to you to accept it or reject it. It's your choice.

C. Could you explain as to why in the Qur'an it states "WE" for Allah like you just said? I know Muslims believe in One God only.

M. Very good question. As I explained earlier in the Arabic and Hebrew languages and certain languages there are two types of plural. One is plural of numbers and the other of respect. This "WE" is a "WE" of royalty and respect. Example: When the Queen makes a proclamation, she says: "We have decided to make this proclamation etc." She does not say "I" have decided to do this or that. It is the royal "We". In the same manner when Allah speaks, He says "WE" instead of "I". Only in very few places when there are dire warnings does Allah say "I". Do you understand?

C. Okay, now I understand. But is it not possible to accept both Islam and Christianity?

M. "There is no compulsion in religion." You can believe, as you want. But if you combine both faiths you haven't surrendered to Allah yet. You are still a disbeliever, as Allah states in the **Qur'an, *Surah 4:150-152*: "Verily those who disbelieve in Allah and His messengers and wish to make distinction between Allah and His messengers saying 'We believe in some (messengers) and reject others; and wish to take a way in between (this and) that, they are disbelievers in truth. And We have prepared for disbelievers a humiliating torment. To those**

who believe in Allah and His messengers and make no distinction between any of them (messengers), We shall give them their rewards, and Allah is ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.'"

C. Is it not better that I do not yet read the Shahadah (witness), so that I am not yet committed?

M. That is your decision. As soon as you reach adulthood and you are mentally competent, you are then committed whether you make the Shahadah (witness) or not. Allah created this world for a specific purpose. He has given you the intellect to differentiate between right and wrong. He has sent many Prophets as warners. We are created to worship Him alone. That is our purpose.

Surah 3:191: **"... Our Lord! You have not created (all) this without purpose, Glory to You!** ... "

Surah 90:8-10: "**Have We not made for him (human being) a pair of eyes? And a tongue and a pair of lips? And shown him the two ways. (good and evil)?"**

Surah 51:56: "**And I (Allah) created not the jinns and mankind except they should worship Me (alone)." (Every good deed done sincerely for the pleasure of Allah alone is also worship.)**

Surah 18:7: "**Verily! We have made that which is on earth as an adornment for it, in order that We may test them (mankind) as to which of them is best in deeds."**

THE DOCTRINE OF THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

M. Do you believe that Jesus is God?

C. Yes! In the Gospel according to ***John (1:1):*** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

M. We have agreed that a Holy Scripture should not contain contradictions. If there are two conflicting verses, then only one can be true, both can never be true or both are wrong. Remember that?

C. Yes. I remember.

M. If Jesus is God according to ***John 1:1***. Then how many Gods are there?

C. Two at least.

M. Then this is in contradiction with many passages in the Bible: ***(Deuteronomy 4:39***): "... that the Lord, He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else"; (***Deuteronomy 6:4*****): The first commandment "Hear, O' Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord"**; (***Isaiah 43:10-11***): "... that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He; before Me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside Me there is no saviour"; (***Isaiah 44:6***): "Thus saith the Lord.... I am the first, and I am the last; and beside Me there is no God"; ***(Isaiah 45:18***): "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself formed the earth and made it; He hath established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord; and there is none else."

From ***Isaiah 45:18,*** alone we can conclusively say that God alone was the Creator and no one else, not even Jesus, participated in the creation.

See further: ***Deuteronomy 4:35; Exodus 8:10; Il Samuel 7:22; 1 Kings 8:23; I Chronicles 17:20; Psalms 86:8,89:6 and 113:5; Hosea 13:4; Zechariah 14:9.***

C. But these are all in the Old Testament. Is it in the New Testament?

M. Be very careful in rejecting the Old Testament. It is part of your Holy Bible. Read in ***Mark 12:29*** what Jesus himself said: '"And Jesus answered him, "***The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O! Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord***."

(I Corinthians 8:4): "' ... **we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but One."** (***I Timothy 2:5): "*****For there is ONE GOD, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**." Look to the expression **the man Christ Jesus**. Now you can either say that ***John 1:1*** is right and all these other verses are wrong, or the reverse.

C. Difficult to judge!

M. Let us see it from the Qur'anic perspective then, and if it corresponds with what Jesus himself said in the Bible. Jesus is mentioned several times in the Qur'an as a "Word from Allah**."**

In the Qur'an: ***Surah 3, verse 45***: "(Remember) when the angels said: 'O' Mary! Verily Allah gives you the glad tidings of a ***Word from Him***, his name will be Messiah Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the hereafter, and of those who are nearest to Allah**.'"** ***In the Holy Qur'an Jesus is also called a Word from Allah, i.e. a Word belonging to Allah, corresponding***

with I Corinthians 3:23: "And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." In ***John 1:1*** it should have been written: ".. And the **Word was God's**." The mistake could have been in the translation from Aramaic to Greek. **In the Greek language Theos is God, but Theou means God's (**see Greek dictionary, Greek Bible, or Muhammed in the Bible by Prof. Abdul-Ahad Dawud**,** former Bishop of Uramiah, page 16**).** A difference of an apostrophe "s" letter, but you can see the very big consequences. It changes the entire meaning.

C. Why is Jesus called the Word of God in both Scriptures?

M. The creation of Jesus in the womb of Mary was without the agency of a sperm from a man. It was only with the decree / word of Allah: **"Be!"** as mentioned in the same ***Surah 3:v47***: "She (Mary) said; 'O' my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me.'" He said: "So (it will be), for Allah creates what He will. When He has decreed something, He says to it "**Be**" and it is." (In Arabic the word is "Kun").

C. But Jesus is God because he is filled with the Holy Ghost.

M. Why don't you consider other people divine who are also filled with the Holy Ghost?

C. Tell me who were they?

M*.* ***(Acts 11:24***): "For he (Barnabas) was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord." (***Acts 5:32***): "And we are his witnesses of these things; ***and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."***

See further ***Acts 6:5; II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 1:14. 1 Corinthians 2:16; Luke 1:41.***

C. But Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost while he was still in his mother's womb.

M. The same was true with John the Baptist (***Luke 1:13, 15***): "But the angel said unto him, fear not Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb."

C. But Jesus could do miracles. He fed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fishes.

M. Elisha and Elijah did the same miracle. Elisha fed hundreds of people with twenty barley loaves and a few ears of corn (***II Kings 4:44***): "So he set it before them and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord." Elisha secured the increase of a widow's oil and he said to her ***(II Kings 4:7)***: "Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children on the rest." See also ***I Kings 17:16***: "And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah." Also ***I Kings. 17:6***: "And the ravens brought him (Elijah) bread and flesh in the morning, bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook."

C. But Jesus could heal leprosy.

M. Elisha told Naaman who was a leper to wash in the Jordan river ***(II Kings 5:14):*** "Then went he (Naaman) down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God (Elisha) and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

C. But Jesus could cause a blind man to see again.

M. Elisha did the same: (***II Kings 6:17***): "And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw . . ." (***II Kings 6:20***): "And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, "Lord! Open the eyes of these men, that they may see." And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria."

Elisha also caused blindness (***II Kings 6:18***): "And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And He smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha."

C. Jesus could raise the dead.

M. Compare with Elijah (***I Kings 17:22):*** "And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." Compare also with Elisha (***II Kings 4:34***): "And he (Elisha) went up and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands, and he stretched himself upon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warm." ie. he came alive.

Even the dead bones of Elisha could restore a dead body to life by touching it only (***II Kings 13:21***): "And it came to pass, as they were burying a man that behold, they spied a band of men, and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood up on his feet."

C. But Jesus walked upon the water.

M. Moses stretched out his arms over the sea (***Exodus 14:22***): "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon

the dry ground; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." By the way, the staff of Moses (pbuh) is in the Topkapi Palace Museum in Istanbul, Turkey, if you want to see it.

C. Really! I did not know that the Staff of Moses still existed. Maybe one day I shall visit Turkey and see it for myself. Thanks for telling me. But Jesus could cast out devils.

M. Jesus himself admitted that other people could do it. (***Matthew 12:27 and Luke 11:19):*** "And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges."

Also the disciples could cast out devils as Jesus said ***(Matthew 7:22***): ***"Many will say to me on that day: Lord! Lord! Have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?"***

Here is a warning to all the Christian Evangelists who say that they are doing miracles in the name of Jesus. Jesus himself will tell them:

"Get away from me, I don't even know you!" Jesus will not tell the Muslims, Hindus and Jews to get away from him, but these "Christians" who profess to follow Jesus (pbuh) and who are bamboozling the people by claiming to do miracles in his name! The Qur'an records the conversation that will take place between Allah and Jesus on the Day of Judgment, regarding the false belief of his divinity, and his refutation of those allegations. Read the Qur'an: Chapter 5.verses 116-119).

Even false prophets would do wonders as prophesied by Jesus. (***Matthew 24:24***) "For there shall arise many false Christs and

false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect."

C. But Elijah and Elisha did wonders through praying to the Lord.

M. **Jesus also did miracles by beseeching GOD as he himself said *(John 5:30):* "I can of mine own self do nothing... " And** (***Luke 11:20***): **"But I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you**." Before every miracle that Jesus (pbuh) performed he always prayed to God. Read the Bible and see for yourself if this is not the case.

All miracles performed by Jesus had been done by previous prophets, disciples, and even unbelievers. On the other hand, Jesus could do no mighty work where there was unbelief as stated in (***Mark 6:5& 6***) "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went around about the villages, teaching."

C. But Jesus was resurrected three days after he died.

M. We will discuss later about his "crucifixion" because there are too many controversies about it. I'll briefly say now that it was a **gospel of Paul**, **who never met or saw Jesus while Jesus was on the earth that made this statement.** (*II.Timothy2:8*) **"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." The gospel of resurrection in Mark 16:9-20 has also been removed in many Bibles.** If it has not been removed in some Bibles then it is printed as a **footnote** with commentary. And as we all know, a footnote can never be part of the "Word of God". See Revised Standard Version, New Amer-

ican Standard Bible and New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures of the Jehovah's Witnesses. This proves that this was an interpolation and was never in the most ancient manuscripts. Let me ask you this: did Jesus (pbuh) ever claim unequivocally to be God by saying: "I am your God, worship me?"

C. No, but he is God**.**

M. But did he ever claim that?

C. No.

M. Indeed! He had already prophesied that people will worship him uselessly and will believe in doctrines **not made by God but by men. (*Matthew 15:9*):**

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Men make all doctrines of modern Christianity: the Trinity, Divine Sonship of Jesus, Divinity of Jesus Christ, Original Sin and Atonement. From Jesus's own sayings, which are clearly recorded in the New Testament, it is perfectly clear that he never claimed divinity or identity to God: "I can do nothing of my own self" (***John 8:28);*** "My Father is greater than I" (***John 14:28***); "The Lord our God is One Lord" (***Mark 12:29);*** "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (***Mark 15:34***) "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit." (***Luke 23:46).***

(***Mark 13:32)*** "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the son, but the Father." Jesus was called prophet, teacher from God, His servant, Messiah, and later when GOD took him up, he was escalated to Son of God, and then God himself by Paul and others. To us Muslims it is incomprehensible how Christians can believe

completely opposite to what is so clearly recorded in the Bible. It must be because they do not read the Bible and so do not know.

Let us now use our intellect and reason on the following questions:

1. God is IMMORTAL. Can He be born by a mortal woman who died?

1. Jesus used to sleep, while God never sleeps (***Psalm 121:4):*** "Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." ***<u>Qur'an: 2:v255</u>. "Neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him."*** God is all-powerful so how could people spit on him and crucify him as alleged?

2. How could Jesus be God if he worshiped God, as any other mortal does? (***Luke 5:16***) "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."

3. (***Luke 4:1-13***) "Satan tempted Jesus for forty days" but in ***James 1:13*** is said: "... for God cannot be tempted with evil..." How can Jesus be God, then? We can rationalize further and ask: If you believe in the Trinity, then **did all three die (including God) on the cross when this alleged crucifixion took place?** The Bible, Torah and the Qur'an state again and again that God is ever living and cannot die. Furthermore, why must GOD, Jesus and the Holy Spirit go to hell after dying? If God died, then who was in control of the entire universe during that time? You can realise that all these questions lead to illogical conclusions because we all know that GOD cannot die, and neither will he put HIMSELF and Jesus and the Holy Spirit into hell. He is Merciful and just. Here on earth no innocent person will be put to death or into prison. Only the guilty are punished. So how can it be

possible that God will do injustice to Himself, Jesus & the Holy Ghost who are all innocent? It doesn't make sense and it is illogical to believe in a Trinity of gods.

C. Yes, I agree with you that the innocent should not be punished. I don't understand this teaching of the Church, but whenever I question my priest he says, "Don't question it. Believe and accept it as it is a mystery."

M. Blind belief is dangerous and destructive! I also notice new innovations among modern day Christians. They are wearing crosses around their necks, and hanging crosses in their cars. It seems that they are now worshipping the cross as well. **The Bible itself refutes this by warning not to worship ANY GRAVEN IMAGE**. Crosses are definitely "graven images." Further, how can you prove that the figures and photos depicting Jesus are a true reflection of what he looked like? Remember that **the camera was invented about 1,800 years after Jesus departed from this earth.**

C. Regarding the displaying and wearing of crosses, I agree that they are graven images and it is forbidden in the Bible. I don't wear, or hang any crosses in my car, because I don't think there is any justification to do so from the Bible. As for the photos of Jesus I have no answer, and you have given me more to think about regarding the cross and photos.

M. Is it also not contradicting the Bible itself, which says that you have to prove everything? (***I Thessalonians 5:21***): "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Can worshipping the cross be good? Remember, no one in their proper senses will want to worship something that has harmed someone who is beloved to

them. Will you worship a gun or knife that kills your child, mother or father or some one you love?

C. Never!

M. So how can the followers of Christ, who claim to love him, worship the cross on which he suffered / died? **Of course Muslims do not believe that he died on the cross at all**. **The Qur'an is very explicit in stating that Jesus was neither crucified nor killed, but was raised up alive, and will return to earth before the end of the world.**

C. It's really confusing.

M. But ***I Corinthians 14:33*** says: "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace." The fact of the matter is that Doctrines made by men create confusion. The teachings of the Church contradict the teachings of Jesus (pbuh) and that is the cause of the confusion. If only the genuine followers of Jesus, who truly love him, read the Bible in context, and study the Qur'an, they will definitely reach the conclusion that GOD IS ONE, without any partners; and Jesus (pbuh) the son of Mary (pbuh) is a messenger of GOD!

THE CHURCH'S DOCTRINE OF THE DIVINE SONSHIP OF JESUS

M. Is Jesus the Son of God?

C. Yes**.** We read in ***Matthew 3:17***, when John baptized Jesus: "And lo! A voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

M. You should not accept the word "son" literally, because many Prophets are called "sons of God" and "children of God" in the Bible. Read ***Exodus 4:22***.

C. "And thou (Moses) shalt say unto Pharaoh, thus saith the Lord***, Israel is my son, even my firstborn."***

M. Here it clearly states Jacob (Israel) is God's firstborn son. Read now ***II Samuel 7:13-14 and I Chronicles 22:10.***

C. "He (Solomon) shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father and he shall be My son."

M. It will be even more confusing when you read ***Jeremiah 31:9***: "I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn." In ***Exodus 4:22*** just now, Israel was called firstborn too. Who is the real firstborn? Israel or Ephraim? Common people can also be children of God; read ***Deuteronomy 14:1***.

C. "Ye are the children of the Lord your God."

M. Common people can also be called firstborn; read ***Romans 8:29***.

C. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the firstborn of many brethren."

M. If all are firstborn, what is Jesus then?

C. He is the only "begotten son of God.

M. Long before Jesus was born, God said to **David (*Psalm 2.7*): "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me (David), Thou art My son; this day have I begotten thee**." So David is also God's begotten son, and he was before Jesus. You see the

meaning of "son of God" is not literal but metaphorical. The Bible makes it clear that ***anyone who obeys God is beloved to God and is called son or children of God.*** Jesus also said that God is not only his Father, but also your Father as stated in ***Matthew 5:45,48.***

C. "That ye may be the children of your Father"; and "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

M. As you can see in many passages of the Bible people are called "first born", "begotten son", "sons of God" and "children of God" which signify love and affection and nearness to God, and is not exclusive to Jesus alone. You will see sons and daughters of God (***II Corinthians 6:18):*** "And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty". In view of these and other passages in the Bible, there is no reason whatsoever why Jesus (pbuh) should be regarded as the only son of God in a literal or unique sense.

C. But he had no father; that is why he is son of God.

M. Why then don't you consider ***Adam, who was created without a father and without a mother as a son of God? And Adam is also called son of God in Luke 3:38:*** "Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God". You will see that whosoever obeys God's injunctions is referred to as "son of God" as he is an obedient servant of God. Now read: Read ***Hebrews 7:3***.

C. "Without father, without mother without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto a son of God; abideth a priest continually." ***Who is he?***

M. The answer is in ***Hebrews7:v1.*** "Melchisedic, King of Salem, Priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham…" He is more unique than Jesus and Adam (pbut). Why is he not preferred to be son of God or God himself?

C. What do you Muslims call Jesus then?

M. We Muslims call him, "Jesus, the son of Mary" (pbut).

C. No-one can argue and deny this.

M. Absolutely! Nobody can deny it because it is an absolute fact! Jesus (pbuh) called himself son of man and refused to be called son of God. Read ***Luke 4:41***.

C. "And devils came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the son of God. And he (Jesus) rebuking them suffered them not to speak."

M. Can you see? He rebuked / scolded them for their saying so, because it was a lie they spoke. If it were true, then he would not have rebuked them. **God appointed Jesus as a messenger to the Children of Israel as he stated many times as recorded in the Bible.**

It is clear here that he refused to be called son of God and also by his own disciples. Read ***Luke 9:20 and 21***.

C. "He, (Jesus) said unto them (the disciples) but whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, the Christ of God. And he (Jesus) straightly charged (rebuked) them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing."

M. You see, again Jesus rebuked the disciples here, as it was untrue. A prophet will never allow a lie to be told. Jesus, who was the Messiah, a prophet, was escalated from teacher to son of

God, to Lord, and finally to God Himself. Read ***John 3:2*** and John 6:14 where the actual status of Jesus is recorded.

C." The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, " Rabbi, we know that thou art a **teacher come from God**…." (***John 6:14***) Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus (pbuh) did, said, **" this is of a truth that *prophet* that should come into the world".**

M. Jesus is also called prophet in ***John 7:40***. ***Matthew 21:v11, Luke 7:v16, and 24:v19. Now read Acts 9:20 and you will see who started this false teaching of "son of God".***

C. **"**And straightway he (Paul) preached Christ in the synagogues that he is the son of God." ***(Acts 9:20***)

M. ***Can you see, here it clearly states that Paul started to preach this. Jesus never preached it***. You can also conclude that the early Christians were still praying in synagogues, but later when Christianity deviated from the original teaching of Jesus (pbuh) Paul, Banarbas and the gentiles were expelled from the synagogues, as they were accused of **blasphemy and pollution**. Read also ***Acts 13:50. 17:18 & 21:28. & Luke 2:11***. **Because Paul preached blasphemy they were expelled from the Synagogues then only Churches were established. I don't think that any more proof is needed to prove that Jesus was a prophet and not God, or son of God as this is clear from the Bible itself.**

NOW TO THE QUESTION: WAS JESUS (pbuh) CRUCIFIED?

M. The Holy Qur'an states in ***Surah 4:v157*** that Jesus was not crucified: "And their (Jews) boasting: 'we killed Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, the Apostle of Allah,' but they (Jews) killed him

not, nor crucified him." Do you still believe that he died on the cross?

C. Yes, Christians believe he died and was then resurrected.

M. It is recorded in the Bible that nobody saw the moment he was resurrected. They found the sepulchre empty where Jesus was laid down and made the conclusion that he was resurrected because the disciples and other witnesses saw him alive after the alleged crucifixion. Could it not be possible, as the Qu'ran claims that he didn't die on the cross?

C. Where is the proof then?

M. Let us see passages in the Bible supporting this evidence. Do you give more weight to what Jesus said or to hearsay of the disciples, apostles and other witnesses?

C. Of course more to what Jesus said!

M. That is in accordance with what Jesus said in (***Matthew 10:24***) "The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord."

C. But Jesus himself said that he would rise from the dead (***Luke 24:46)*** and said unto them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day."

M. Suffering is often exaggerated in the Bible and termed "dead" as Paul said ***(I Corinthians 15:31***): "I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ, I die daily" (i.e. I suffer daily). Here are some of the proofs from the Bible:

1. On the cross Jesus beseeched God for help (***Matthew 27:46***) "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" And in

Luke 22:42: Saying: “Father if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless not my will but Thine be done.” (This cup is the cup of death.)

2. Jesus’s prayer not to die on the cross was accepted by God, according to Luke, Hebrews and James. Then how could he still die on the cross? ***(Luke 22:43):*** “And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.” (***Hebrews 5:7***): “Who in the days of his flesh, when he, Jesus had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save him from death, and was “**heard”** in that he feared.” It means that an angel assured him that God would not let him die. The word “heard” whenever it occurs in the Bible means that the prayer was accepted.

Jesus’s prayers were **“heard,”** meaning that it was answered in a positive way by God WHO SAVED HIM FROM DEATH. (***James 5:16***): “... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Jesus himself said in **(*Matthew 7:7.10***) “Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh, findeth, and to him who knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?” ***Question***: If God, according to Jesus, definitely accepts and answers a righteous man’s prayer, then surely Jesus’s prayers were also answered, **including the one not to die on the cross**. Was he not a chosen one of God***? How could his prayer be rejected, and he still had to die on the cross after he prayed for safety and was informed that his prayer was “heard”? It does not make sense***. Look to the example Jesus (pbuh) uses. If a son

asks a father for bread will he give him a stone? Definitely not! So it is illogical to believe that God did not answer his prayer for being saved when we all know that he was innocent and was "heard."

1. His legs were not broken by the Roman soldiers (***John 19:32-33***) "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs," Can you rely on these soldiers for pronouncing him dead?

C. I cannot say.

M. Is it not probable that they wanted to save Jesus as they found him innocent? Even Pilate said he did not want the blood of an innocent man on his hands and he took a bowl of water and washed his hands symbolically off "this innocent man's blood" before the blood thirsty Jews.

4. If Jesus had died on the cross, his blood would clot and no blood would come out of his body when his side was pierced. Ask any medical doctor of this. The Gospel states clearly that blood and water came out; (***John 19:34***) "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water." So medically and scientifically it is proved that he was alive even according to John.

5. When the Pharisees asked Jesus for a sign to prove that he was a true messenger of God he answered: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." (***Matthew 12:40***). Disregard now the time factor,

which were also not three days and three nights but one day (Saturday, daytime only) and two nights (Friday night and Saturday night). The important criteria of the sign are: **AS JONAH WAS**! ***Jonah was alive in the belly of the whale, and in the same way Jesus was ALIVE in the belly of the earth***.

M. Do you agree that Jonas was still alive when he was vomited out of the belly of the whale?

C. Yes! It says so in the Bible.

M. So the sign was fulfilled of him being **alive** as he prophesied.

Jesus himself stated that he did not die on the cross. Early Sunday morning Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre, which was empty. She saw somebody standing who looked like a gardener. She recognized him after a conversation to be Jesus and wanted to touch him. Jesus said (***John 20:17):*** "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father... "Touch me not," perhaps because the fresh wounds would hurt him. "**I am not yet ascended to my Father," means that he was not dead but still alive.** If anybody dies, then he only ascends to GOD. This was the strongest proof admitted by Jesus himself. After the alleged crucifixion the disciples thought that he was not the same Jesus in body but spiritualized, because resurrected bodies are spiritualized.

C. Interruption. How could you be sure that resurrected bodies are spiritualized?

M. That is what Jesus himself said in the Bible: that they are equal to angels.

C. Where about in the Bible?

M. In ***Luke 20:34-36***: "And answering said unto them, the children of the world marry, and are given in marriage. But they, which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and then resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

Then Jesus convinced them by letting them touch his hands and feet, that he was the same person. When they did not believe him, he asked for meat to eat to prove to them that he still ate like any living individual. Read ***Luke 24:36-41***: "And as they (the disciples) thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you". (Exactly as a Muslim greets) But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, "Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? **Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself, handle me and see, for a spirit hath no flesh and bones as ye see me have."** And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, "Have ye here any meat?" And they gave him a piece of broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took it, and did eat before them**." Living people eat food, not dead people or resurrected ones, as Jesus stated in Luke**. If you still believe that he died on the cross, then he was a false Prophet and accursed of God according to ***Deuteronomy 13:5:*** "And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death".

(***Deuteronomy 21:22-23***): "And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou

shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God) that thy land be not defiled which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance."

To believe in his death on the cross is to discredit his prophethood. The Jews maintained to have killed Jesus on the cross and consequently portrayed him to be false in his claim to prophethood. The Church has imposed the doctrine of crucifixion on the Christians because of Paul, and says it is necessary for their redemption of sin, and consequently has to accept the accursedness of Jesus, too. But as stated before by Jesus: "The son shall not bear the inequity of the father, and neither the father shall bear the inequity of the son"; and said further "that they worship him uselessly believing the false doctrines made by men."

This doctrine opposes the Bible's teaching in ***Hosea 6:v6:*** "**For I desired mercy and not sacrifice**, and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings." It also opposes Jesus' own teaching (*Matthew 9:13*) **"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice...**" Again Jesus said (*Matthew 12:7*) "**But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, <u>ye would not, have condemned the guiltless</u>." Can you see? Jesus said twice that he would have "mercy" from God. The Church's Doctrine or teaching is condemning Jesus, an innocent prophet to an accursed death on Paul's words without any proof whatsoever.** Surely Christians believe that Jesus was guiltless, was he not? Use your intelligence to ponder on the words of Jesus (pbuh).

<u>**C.**</u> Of course Jesus was guiltless! But why does the Church force us to believe in the resurrection then?

M. It was Paul who taught the resurrection (***Acts 17:18)***: "... And some (Jews) said, what will this babbler say? **Others said he (Paul) seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods, because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection**." **Paul, who never saw or even met Jesus, also admitted that the resurrection was his gospel (II Timothy 2:8)** **"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel." He was also the first who declared Jesus as Son of God (*Acts 9:20*): "And straightway he (Paul) preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the son of God."** Read the words carefully. **The Jews called Paul a "babbler", meaning a mentally sick person. Also he was setting forth "strange Gods". The Jews worshiped only One God and that is why they called Paul a "babbler" and threw him out of the synagogues for teaching the concept of "son of god" which they knew was blasphemy. So trinity in Christianity is not a teaching of Jesus, but of Paul. The so-called Christians are following Paul and not Jesus.**

C. But Mark (***16:19***) mentioned that Jesus was raised up to heaven and sat on the right hand of God: "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God."

M. As I told you under the discussion of the Holy Bible that ***Mark 16, verses 9-20, were expunged in certain Bibles. See remark in the Revised Standard Version, the New American Standard Bible and the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures of the Jehovah's Witnesses Church***. If you still believe that Jesus is divine because he was raised up to heaven, why don't you accept other Prophets as divine who were also raised up to heaven?

C. I am not aware of others. Who were they?

M. Elijah (***II Kings 2:11-12***) "... and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried ... And he saw him no more." Also God took Enoch to heaven (***Genesis 5:24***) "And Enoch walked with God, and he was not; for God took him." This is also repeated in ***Hebrews 11:5***. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found, because God translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God."

THE DOCTRINE OF ATONEMENT AND ORIGINAL SIN

C. If redemption of sin through the crucifixion is not Jesus's teaching then whose was it?

M. **This Doctrine of Atonement was accepted by the Church 325 years after Jesus left the earth at the Council of Nicene.** It contradicts the Bible itself as the following passages state in (***Deuteronomy 24:16***) "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers, every man shall be put to death for his own sin." (***Jeremiah 31:30***): "But every one shall die for his own iniquity..." (***Ezekiel 18:20):*** "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." So Adam and Eve were responsible for their own sin. The Qur'an says they both repented and they were both forgiven by Allah.

C. But these are in the Old Testament.

M. You know you are all the time differentiating between the Old and New Testaments, yet Jesus said time and again, that he came to fulfill the Law and not one tittle must change of the Torah as revealed to Moses (pbuh). It is an article of faith of the Christians to believe in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament so be careful of rejecting what is mentioned there. But to satisfy you, read what Jesus said in ***Matthew 7:1 and* 2**.

C. "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

M. Read ***I Corinthians 3:8.***

C. "Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." But the Church tells us to believe in Original Sin!

M. There you are! It is the doctrine of the Church, and not of Jesus. Let me read to you what "***Major Yeats Brown***" wrote in his book, "Life of a Bengal Tiger" regarding the original sin. He writes: "***No heathen tribe has conceived so grotesque an idea involving as it does the assumption that man was born with a hereditary stain for which he was not responsible; and it was to be atoned for, and that the Creator, of all things, had to sacrifice His only 'son' to neutralize this mysterious curse."*** He goes on further to say that because of this belief he does not wish to be a Christian. This man is using his God given intellect and can see the glaring wrong of this belief that is being foisted on the innocent people by the Church.

Read ***Matthew 19:14*** for proof that the children are born without sin.

C. Jesus said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

M. So every child is born without sin and all children belong to the kingdom of heaven. Did you know that it was Paul who abolished the Mosaic Law? Read ***Acts 13:39.***

C. “And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses.”

M. Now I want to ask you this: Suppose that your close friend or relative murdered someone, would you allow your son who is innocent, to be killed in his place and say that you wish to atone for that person’s action? I mean does that make sense to you or to any intelligent person?

C. I would never allow that! How can I, when my son did not commit any crime.

M. **Exactly!** Now can you believe that any person living a life of lust, and enjoying everything forbidden as written in the ten commandants (the Law) will enter Paradise just by saying “Jesus died for my sins” and God will accept that?

C. That’s impossible!

M. Correct! So how can anyone be so foolish to think that God will give any person Paradise by disobeying His Law? I mean here in this world we have to make an effort for just one loaf of bread for our stomachs and the Church is teaching that Jesus “died” for all Christians’ sins, and they will enter Paradise, which is the most beautiful, everlasting abode, by living a life of

lust and people just accept it blindly! To top it all, every murderer, rapist, robber, pedophile that got away in this world, will be forgiven and go to this most wonderful place without any punishment and put all their sins on innocent Jesus (pbuh)? If that is true, then why are the Christian nations of the world punishing the Christian criminals of this world for the crimes they are committing? I mean if according to your doctrine God forgives whatever you do here including murder, rape etc, and the believing Christians punish their own fellows in this temporary world does it not show that there is something wrong with this doctrine? According to any normal person it is fair to punish crime and to reward good efforts. God is just and fair. Human laws can never supercede God's law. Or are you saying that human laws are better than God's law?

C. Wait a minute. That is a lot you have just said**. Of course God's law is perfect.** You know I have given all of the abovementioned points mentioned by you a lot of thought in the past and have asked these very same questions to my priest. He told me not to question but to believe. This made me realise then that I had to look at other religions for answers. Hence my reading of the Qur'an and other Islamic books, and this dialogue with you.

M. Let me ask this question. Why do you believe in the resurrection, if **Paul who never saw Jesus or ever met him,** admitted that this was his gospel?

C. Where is it written?

M. Read ***11 Timothy 2:8.***

C. "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my (Paul) gospel." But we have to believe it. It is for redemption of sins.

M. According to the Church's teaching it is of redemption, but as you have seen in the preceding arguments it is false. Islam is based on reason and is a pure teaching of all Prophets of Allah, not contaminated with paganism and superstition.

C. That is the belief I am looking for.

M. Don't you think that now is the time to consider accepting the Shahadah (Witness)?

C. Yes, now I am ready to accept the truth of Islam, so I shall read it. Please help me to pronounce it in Arabic. **"I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, Who has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammed is His slave servant and messenger." "Ashhadu Allah Ilaha illal-Lahu wahdahu la shareeka lahu, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan abduhu wa rasuluh."**

M. Al-Humdulillah! (Praise is to Allah). You have now entered the fold of Islam and are a Muslim. Now you will have to learn about the obligatory duties and practice them. Any Imam / Sheikh will be happy to teach them to you. They are all very simple and practical.

N.B.: The rest of the discussion will be conducted between two Muslims: M and m.

m. Tell me, has Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) been prophesied in the Bible?

M. Most definitely! We will discuss that later. Here I want to read to you what Allah says in the ***Qur'an: 7:v157 & 158***.

"Those who follow the messenger, the unlettered Prophet, (who can neither read nor write) whom they will find described in the Torah and Gospel (which are) with them. He will enjoin on them that which is right and forbid them that which is wrong. He will make lawful for them all good things and prohibit them only the foul; and he will relieve them of their burden and the fetters that they used to wear. Then those who believe in him, and honour him, and help him, and follow the light (Qur'an) that is sent down with him; they are the successful. Say (O' Muhammed): Lo! I am the messenger of Allah to you all- (the messenger of) Him unto whom belongs the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. There is no God save Him. He gives life and He gives death. So believe in Allah and His messenger, the unlettered Prophet, who believes in Allah and in His words, and follow him that happly ye may be led aright."

"Lo! Allah forgiveth not that a partner should be ascribed to HIM. HE forgiveth (all sins) save that to whom HE will. Whosoever ascribth partners to ALLAH; he hath indeed invented a tremendous sin (which will never be forgiven). Qur'an. 4:v48.

MUHAMMED (pbuh) IN THE BIBLE

BOTH ISHMAEL AND ISAAC WERE BLESSED.

M. Why did Ishmael and his mother Hagar leave Sarah?

m. According to the Old Testament after Isaac was weaned, his mother Sarah, saw Ishmael mocking him, and didn't want Ishmael to be heir with her son Isaac (***Genesis 21:8-10***): "And the child grew, and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son, for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac."

M. The mocking part is an interpolation, as you will see later**.**

Isaac was about two years old when he was weaned. **Ishmael was then sixteen years old** because Abraham was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael and was a hundred years old when Isaac was born, according to ***Genesis 16:16***: "And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram;' and ***Genesis 21:5***: "And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him." ***Genesis 21:8-10*** is in contradiction with ***Genesis 21:14-21*** where Ishmael was portrayed as a baby put on the shoulder of his mother, called lad and child, when both left Sarah: "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand..." This is the profile of a baby and not of a teenager. **So Ishmael and his mother Hagar left Sarah long before Isaac was born.. How could Ishmael mock Isaac when Isaac was not born and when Ishmael left when he was still a lad / child? So now you can see the interpolation.**

m. Off course! You are right. I read this part but never gave it much thought about the ages, and Ishmaels going away and not being there, etc. Please carry on.

M. According to the Islamic version, Abraham took Ishmael and Hagar and made a new settlement in Makkah, (called Paran in the Bible ***Genesis 21:21***) because of a divine instruction given to Abraham as a part of God's plan. Hagar ran seven times between two hills, Safa and Marwa, near the Ka'bah, looking for water. Allah loved this action of Hagar running, looking for water to save her child's life so much that this became part of the Islamic ritual for the annual Pilgrimage (Haj) in Makkah by millions of Muslims from all over the world from the time of Prophet Abraham. The well of water mentioned in ***Genesis 21:19*** is still used till today and provides water for millions of pilgrims for all these centuries. The well is called **Zamzam.** Both Abraham and Ishmael later built the holy stone Ka'bah in Makkah. The spot where Abraham used to perform prayers near the Ka'bah is called "**Maqame Ibrahim**," i.e. the Station of Abraham. During the days of Pilgrimage, Pilgrims in Makkah and Muslims all over the world commemorate the offering of Abraham and Ishmael by slaughtering cattle, camels, goats and sheep.

m. But the Bible mentions Isaac to be sacrificed.

M. No, the Qur'an states that the covenant by God was made with Abraham and his ***only son Ishmael.*** And on the day of the covenant Abraham, Ishmael and all men of the household were circumcised while Isaac was not yet born. (***Genesis 17:24-27*)** **"And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was** circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his **son was thirteen years** old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his

foreskin. In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him."

A year later Isaac was born and circumcised when he was eight days old (*Genesis 21:4-5): "***And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him."**

So when the covenant was made and sealed (circumcision and sacrifice) Abraham was ninety-nine and Ishmael thirteen years old. Isaac was born a year later when Abraham was a hundred years old.

The descendants of Ishmael, Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and including all Muslims, remain faithful to this day to the covenant of circumcision. Muslims include the praise of Abraham and his descendants with the praise of Muhammed (pbuh) and his descendants in all the five obligatory prayers every day all over the world.

m. But in ***Genesis 22*** it is mentioned that Isaac was to be sacrificed!

M. I know, but you will see the contradiction there. It is mentioned there: "thine **only son** Isaac." Should it not have been written "**thine only son Ishmael" when Ishmael was thirteen years old and Isaac not born yet**? "Thine only son" can only be Ishmael. If Abraham had two sons at that point in time then the word "only" would not be stated. Because of chauvinism the name Ishmael was changed to Isaac in all of ***Genesis 22***, but God had preserved the word **"only"** to show us what it should have

been. So anyone reading the text and working out the ages of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac will see that this is an interpolation.

The words "I will multiply thy seed" in ***Genesis 22:17*** was applied earlier to Ishmael in ***Genesis 16:10***. Was the whole of ***Genesis 22*** not applicable to Ishmael then? "I will make him a great nation" had been repeated twice for Ishmael in ***Genesis 17:20*** and ***Genesis 21:18***, and not to Isaac.

m. The Jews and Christians maintain that Isaac was superior to Ishmael.

M. That is what they say but not what the Bible states (***Genesis 15:4***): "And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him (Abraham) saying, This (Eliezer of Damascus) shall not be thine heir, but **he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir**." **So Ishmael was also heir**.

Genesis 16:10: "And the angel of the Lord said unto her (Hagar), I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude."

Genesis 17:20: "**And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation."**

Genesis 21:13: "**And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed."**

*Genesis 21:18***: "Arise, lift up the lad (Ishmael), and hold him in thine hand, for I will make him a great nation**." **By the way, anyone can see today that the Arabs outnumber the Jews by millions**. **Is it not a fulfillment of the prophecy that God will "multiply him exceedingly?" The Jews are only about twenty**

million or so in the world and the Arabs are over two hundred and fifty million.

m. Yes, most definitely! You know I never thought of that.

M. Read further on the first-born's rights in:

Deuteronomy 21:15-17: "**If a man has two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated: Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of the strength; the right of the firstborn is his."** Islam does not deny God's blessings on Isaac and his descendants, but the son of promise is Ishmael from who later arose Muhammed (pbuh) as the Seal of all Prophets.

m. But Christians and Jews claim that Ishmael was an illegitimate son.

M. That is what they say, but not what the Bible states. How could a great Prophet like Abraham have an illegal wife and a son out of wedlock! Read ***Genesis 16:3*** and see:

"**… and (Sarah) gave her (Hagar) to her husband Abram to be his wife**." Only if a woman is married can she be a wife. As it states clearly, "to be his wife" so the marriage was legal in the real sense. So how could their offspring be illegal then? Is a marriage between two foreigners, a Chaldean and an Egyptian, not more legal than a marriage between a man with a daughter of his father from a different mother? It is stated in ***Genesis 20:12***:

"And yet indeed she (Sarah) is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."

Furthermore, the name Ishmael was chosen by Allah Himself (***Genesis 16:11***: "And the Angel of the Lord said unto her (Hagar), Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name **Ishmael**, because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. "**Ishmael means God Hears."** And where in the Bible is it written that Ishmael was an illegitimate son?

m. Nowhere in the Bible.

M. Correct! Long before both Ishmael and Isaac were born, Allah made a covenant with Abraham (***Genesis 1.5:18):*** "... saying, unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the Euphrates." Was not the greater part of Arabia lying between the Nile and the Euphrates, where later all the descendants of ***Ishmael, the Arabs*** were settling?

m. Do you mean that no land was promised to Isaac and his descendants?

M. Muslims never deny that Isaac was also blessed. See ***Genesis 17:8***: "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed (Isaac) after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Do you see the difference in the words, that Abraham was mentioned "a stranger" in Canaan but not in the land **between** the Nile and the Euphrates. As a Chaldean he was more an Arab than a Jew.

m. But the Covenant was made with Isaac according to ***Genesis 17:21***: "But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this time in the next year."

M. Where in the Bible does it say that Allah would not make any covenant with Ishmael?

m. Nowhere. But you know something; I am getting a clearer picture of the two sons of Prophet Abraham (pbuh) as we are discussing these verses of Genesis. What you are saying are the facts and it amazes me that for all these years I overlooked the truth when it was right there. It just proves that unless a person applies his mind he will read, but not really comprehend.

CRITERION OF "THAT" PROPHET, BY JEREMIAH

M. ***In Jeremiah 28:9***: "The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him."

The word Islam means submission to Allah and also signifies tranquility and peace. Peace between the Creator and his creatures. This prophecy of Jeremiah cannot be applied to Jesus, as Jesus himself stated that he didn't come for peace (***Luke 12:51-53***): "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there will be five in one house divided, three against two and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in

law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law." See also ***Matthew 10:34-36***.

When prophet Muhammed came, he brought perfect peace, as he did away with all the prejudices of race, colour and caste. Qur'an states: " Allah created all the nations and tribes that they may recognize each other, not that they may despise each other." History as recorded by non-muslims shows the perfect harmony that Islam brought to the world for 800 years.

UNTIL SHILOH COMES

This was a message of Jacob to his children before he died. (***Genesis 49:1***): "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, 'Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days.'"

Genesis 49:10: "The **Sceptre** shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until **Shiloh** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

Shiloh is also the name of a town but its real meaning is peace, tranquility, and rest, i.e., **Islam**. It could never refer to a town here. If it referred to a person, it could be a corruption of **Shaluah (Elohim), i.e., Messenger (of Allah).**

So the Sceptre, meaning the Israelite Prophethood in the lineage of Isaac would stop as soon as Shiloh comes. This corresponds with *Surah 2:v133*: "Were you witnesses when death came to Jacob? When he said to his sons, "What will you worship after me?" They said, "We shall worship thy God

(Allah), the God of thy fathers, Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac; One God and to Him we surrendered. (in Islam).

The shift of Prophethood to another nation was threatened in ***Jeremiah 31:36:*** "**If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever**."

Also foretold by **Jesus** in ***Matthew 21:43***: "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." And that nation is the Arabs, as it is stated previously, **"The Burden Upon Arabia**". Everything mentioned above fits perfectly to Islam and prophet Muhammed (pbuh). One does not have to stretch one's imagination. The truth is clear as daylight.

m. Truly amazing. Things are getting clearer to me as we are discussing in depth all these prophecies. I guess I am lucky to have met you, as you understand Christianity and Islam.

M. The reason you were guided to accept Islam, is that you were looking for the truth. ALLAH always guides one who is sincere in looking for the truth. As HE says in the ***Qur'an, chapter 10: v100***. **"It is not for any soul to believe save by the permission of ALLAH. HE has set uncleanness upon those who have no sense**."

BAKKA IS MAKKAH

The Holy Ka'bah built by Abraham and his son Ishmael is in Makkah, and is mentioned in the ***Holy Qur'an in Surah 48:v24.*** **Another name for Makkah is Bakka,** depending on the dialect

of the tribe. The name "Bakka" is also mentioned in ***Surah 3:96***: "Verily, the first House (of worship) appointed for mankind was that in Bakka (Makkah), full of blessing and guidance for all people." Amazingly enough, this word "Bakka" was mentioned by Prophet David (pbuh) in his ***Psalm 84:6:*** "Who passing through the valley of Bakka made it a well, the rain also filleth the pools." The water well mentioned here is the well-known well of "Zamzam," which is still present close to the Ka'bah in Makkah as I mentioned earlier.

THE HOUSE OF MY GLORY

Isaiah, chapter 60:

1. "**Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee**." Compare with *Surah 74:1-3:* "**O! Thou (Muhammed) wrapped up in garments! Arise and warn! And your Lord magnify**!"
2. "**For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.** The advent of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) was at a time of spiritual darkness when the world forgot the Oneness of God as taught by Abraham and all the other Prophets including Jesus (pbut).
3. "**And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising**." Jesus had said "And go not unto the way of the Gentiles". Here the Gentiles will come to the Final Prophet. As you can see it does not refer to Jesus, but rather to the Final Prophet as the followers of Muhammed are from every nation on earth i.e. Gentiles / non Jews.
4. "**Lift up thine eyes round about, and see; all they gather themselves together, they come to thee:"** Within less than

twenty-three years the whole of Arabia was united and had accepted Islam.

5. "… **Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee**." Within less than a century Islam spread out of Arabia to other countries. From the Pyrenees of Spain to China and all the countries in between. Today Muslims inhabit every country on earth!

6. "**The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come, they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord**."

7. "**All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory**." The tribes of Kedar (Arabia) who were divided became united. "**The house of my glory" referred here is the House of Allah in Makkah**, and not the Church of Christ as thought by Christian commentators. It mentions "house" in the singular. There is only one house that Muslims are obligated to visit at least once in a lifetime, and that is the house in Makkah, "Kaaba". On the other hand the Christians have no such injunction in the Bible, that it is compulsory to visit the Vatican or any other Church, as it did not exist prior to the time of Jesus (pbuh). The House of Allah already existed during the time of Moses, David, Jesus and Muhammed (pbut) as it was built by Prophets Abraham and Ishmael. It is a fact that the villages of Kedar (now whole Saudi Arabia) are the only country in the world, which remains impenetrable to any influence of the Church.

8. "Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought." It is a fact that the mosque surrounding the Holy Ka'bah in Makkah has remained open day and night since it was

cleansed of idols by Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) 1,400 years ago. Rulers as well as subjects came for Pilgrimage. From the foregoing, one can conclude that all of the above prophecies fit Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) perfectly. One does not have to stretch one's imagination to see the truth of all the prophecies mentioned. Let us read on.

CHARIOT OF ASSES AND CHARIOT OF CAMELS

The vision of Isaiah of the two riders in ***Isaiah 21:7***: "**And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels.**"

Who was the rider upon an ass? Every Sunday school student will know him. That was Jesus (***John 12:14)*** "And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon as it is written."

Who then is the promised rider on a camel? **Bible readers have overlooked this powerful Prophet. This is Prophet Muhammed (pbuh)**. If this is not applied to him, then the prophecy has yet to be fulfilled. That is why ***Isaiah*** mentioned further in the same chapter (***21:13***): "**The burden upon Arabia . . ." which means the responsibility of the Arab Muslims, and of course now of all Muslims, to spread the message of Islam.**

Isaiah 21:14: "**The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty; they prevented with their bread him that fled."** Tema is probably Madina where Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and his companions fled to, when the Quraish of Makkah wanted to kill them. The people of Madina gave them food and shelter as is recorded in the hadiths of the

prophet. In ***Isaiah 21:15***: **"For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war."** This was when Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and his companions were persecuted and left Makkah for Madina. ***Isaiah 21:16:*** "For thus hath the Lord said unto me: "**Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail**." Exactly in the second year of Hijrah (immigration) the pagans were defeated in the battle of Badr. (313 ill equipped Muslims under the leadership of the Prophet, defeated more than 1000 well-equipped Arabs from Makkah.)

Finally ***Isaiah 21:17*** concludes with "... the mighty men of the children of Kedar shall be diminished, for the Lord God of Israel hath spoken it." Kedar is the second son of Ishmael (***Genesis 25:13***) from whom ultimately Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) arose. In the beginning the children of Kedar were attacking Muhammed (pbuh) and his companions. But as time went many of them accepted Islam, and the number of children of Kedar who resisted, diminished. In some Bible verses Kedar is synonymous with the Arabs as in ***Ezekiel 27:21*** "Arabia, and all the Princes of Kedar..."

THE PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES

God addressed Moses (***Deuteronomy 18:18***): "**I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee (Moses), and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him**."

1. The brethren of Israelites (descendants of Abraham through Isaac) and Ishmaelites (descendants of Abraham

through Ishmael). Jesus is here excluded, as he is an Israelite; otherwise it should be written "a Prophet from amongst you."

2. Muhammed is in many ways like unto Moses. If this is not accepted, then this promise has yet to be fulfilled. The table below, taken from ***Al-Ittihad***, January-March 1982, page 41, is self-explanatory:

The following is a comparison between a few crucial characteristics of Moses, Muhammed and Jesus, which clarifies the identity of **"that prophet**" who was to come after Moses**.**

Area of comparison.	**Moses**	**Muhammed**	**Jesus**
Birth.	**Usual.**	**Usual.**	**Unusual.**
Family Life.	**Married with children.**	**Married with children.**	**Not married & no children.**
Death.	**Usual.**	**Usual.**	**Lifted up bodily.**
Career.	**Prophet & Statesman.**	**Prophet & Statesman.**	**Prophet Only.**
Forced emigration in adulthood.	**To Median.**	**To Madina.**	**None.**
Encounter with enemies.	**Hot Pursuit.**	**Hot pursuit & Battles fought with enemies.**	**No similar encounter.**
Results of encounters.	**Moral & Physical Victories.**	**Moral & Physical Victories.**	**Moral Victory only.**
Writing down of Revelation.	**In his lifetime. (Torah).**	**In his lifetime. (Al' Quran.)**	**Never authorized it to be written down.**
Acceptance of Leadership.	**Rejected at first & then accepted in his**	**Rejected at first & then accepted in his**	**The Jews, his own People, rejected him,**

	lifetime by his people.	**lifetime by his own people as well as all nations as prophesized.**	**and even till today they reject him.**
Nature of Teachings.	**Spiritual & Legal. (Torah.)**	**Spiritual & Legal. (Al' Qur'an.)**	**Mainly spiritual.**

3. "I shall put my words in his mouth." ***Deut: 18.18***. **It happened exactly as stated**. The Qur'an was revealed bit by bit via Gabriel, and the "words were out into the Prophet's mouth. Thereafter the Prophet read it out to his companions, and a scribe used to write it down. After it was written down, it was read to the Prophet for verification.

4. The Qur'an was revealed in this manner, bit by bit over a period of 23 years as prophesized in Isaiah.

Deuteronomy 18:19: **"And it shall come to pass that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in My name, I will require it of him."**

In the ***Qur'an 113 of the 114 chapters (Surah) start with "In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, And Most Merciful."*** Also, in their daily work, the Muslims start with this saying ***"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, And Most Merciful."*** God's personal name is "Allah" and as such it is not subject to gender like God & Goddess, or to plurality, like God & Gods. Christians start with "In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

It is to be noted that those who will not hear him, and deny him, will be punished. In certain Bibles ***Deuteronomy 18:19 states*** **"I will be his avenger**" This corresponds with passages in the Holy Qur'an: (*Surah 3:19*): "**Truly the religion in the sight of Allah is**

Islam." (*Surah 3:85): "***And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers."**

MY SERVANT, MESSENGER AND ELECT

A further fulfillment of the prophecy of Muhammed is found in Isaiah 42.

1. "Behold My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Also called "My messenger" in ***verse 19***. No doubt all Prophets were indeed servants, messengers and elect of Allah. Yet no Prophet is universally called by these specific titles as Muhammed (pbuh). In Arabic: "Abduhu wa Rasuluhul Mustapha," ***i.e.*** His slave servant and His elected messenger. **The testimony of a person accepting Islam is: "I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah, Who has no partner and I bear witness that Muhammed is His servant and messenger**." This same formula is repeated five times a day through the minarets of the mosques as a call for prayers, another five times daily, immediately before the beginning of **each prayer**, **nine times** a day in the "Tashahhud" during the five obligatory prayers, and several more times if a Muslim performs additional recommended prayers. In other words, this formula is repeated dozens of time a day by each Muslim throughout the world. The most common title of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) is Rasulullah**, *i.e. the messenger of Allah***.
2. "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street." This describes the high moral character and decency of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).

3. " . . . He shall bring forth judgment unto truth." He chastised the Jews for making God into a Jewish God for the Jews only, which they still do. And he chastised the Christians for making God into three, and in elevating Jesus to be son of God etc.
4. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law." Compare with Jesus, (pbuh) who did not prevail over his enemies and was rejected by his own people: the Jews.
5. " I, the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles." "**And will keep thee," *i.e.*** no other Prophet will come after him. In a short time many Gentiles and many Jews living in Madina were guided into Islam. His sayings and teachings (Hadiths) are preserved intact completely separate from the Qur'an.
6. "To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house." "Blind eyes, life of darkness" denotes here the pagan life of servitude to idols and men. "Bring out the prisoners from the prison" denotes the abolishment of slavery for the first time in the history of mankind by the Prophet of Islam (pbuh).
7. "I am the Lord, that is My name, and My glory will I not give to another, **neither My praise to graven images**." **The Prophet of Islam destroyed over 360 idols that were in the Ka'bah when he conquered Makkah without a drop of blood being shed. Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) is unique among all Prophets as he is the "Seal of all Prophets" and his teachings remain undistorted till today**. **Not so the scriptures of Christianity and Judaism**!
8. "**Sing unto the Lord a new song**, and his praise from the end of the earth, " A new song as it is not in Hebrew or Aramaic, but in **Arabic.** The praise of God and His messenger Muhammed (pbuh) is chanted five times daily from the minarets of thousands of mosques all around the world. i.e.

The ends of the earth.

9. "Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains." From Mount Arafat near Makkah, the Pilgrims chant every year the following: "Here I am (for Your service) O' Allah. Here I am. You have no partner. Here I am. Verily Yours is the praise, the blessings and sovereignty. There is no God besides You*."* ***Isaiah 42*** can never be applied to an Israelite Prophet, as Kedar is the second son of Ishmael. See ***Genesis 25:13***.

10. "Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands." And really Islam spread to the small islands as far as Indonesia and the Caribbean Sea.

11. "He shall prevail against his enemies." In a short period, of only 23 years, the Kingdom of God on earth was established with the advent of Muhammed (pbuh) and he prevailed over his enemies. This 42nd chapter of Isaiah fits perfectly and precisely to the character of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

KING DAVID CALLED HIM "MY LORD"

Psalm 110:1: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Mentioned here are two Lords, if the first Lord (the speaker) is God, the second Lord (the one spoken to) could not be God also, as **David knew only One God.** So it should read: "God said unto my Lord". ***Question***: Who was it that David called "my Lord"? The Church would say Jesus. **But this had been denied by Jesus himself in *Matthew 22:45, Mark 12:37 and Luke 20:44*. He excluded himself from this title, as he was a son of David**. How could David call him "my Lord" if he was his son, he argued. And David himself

said in the book of Psalms, "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on My right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool." David therefore called him Lord. Otherwise David would have said:" My Lord said unto my son…"as the genealogy traced in **the Bible of Jesus is from David (pbut).**

Jesus must have given an answer not recorded in the four canonical Gospels, but is mentioned explicitly in the ***Gospel of Barnabas that the promise was made in Ishmael, not in Isaac*** (pbut). David's Lord was thus Muhammed (pbuh) whom he saw in spirit. No Prophet ever accomplished more than Muhammed (pbuh) in establishing the worship of the ONE GOD on this earth. Even the work of all other Prophets together cannot be compared with what Muhammed (pbuh) achieved within a short period of 23 years**. It is unrivalled as is stated in the 'Encyclopedia Britannica,' that the most successful prophet of all time is Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).**

It is also very important to note here that each and every prophet from Adam to Muhammed including Moses & Jesus (pbut) worshiped only One God. Nowhere is it recorded that any of them worshiped two or three gods.

ART THOU THAT PROPHET?

The Jews sent priests and Levites to John the Baptist to inquire from him as to who he really was. (***John 1:20-21***) "And he (***John the Baptist***) confessed and denied not; but confessed, **"I am not the Christ**." And they asked him, "**What then?" "Art thou Elias?" And he saith, "I am not." "Art thou that prophet**?" And he answered, "**No."**

The crucial question here is: "**<u>Art thou that prophet</u>?"** Who then was this long-awaited Prophet after the advent of Jesus and John the Baptist that was so well known, that it was not even necessary to mention his name? Was he not the one like unto Moses as mentioned in ***Deuteronomy 18:18***? The answer is self-evident. It could only be Muhammed (pbuh). Every prophecy as mentioned above fits prophet Muhammed perfectly and completely. There is no mystery in all the above proofs.

BAPTIZING WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH FIRE

Matthew 3:11: "I, (John the Baptist) indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

If Jesus were alluded to here, John the Baptist would not have gone back to live in the jungle again, but to cling to him and be one of his disciples, which he did not do. So another powerful Prophet was here alluded to, and not Jesus. The one coming after John the Baptist could not be Jesus as both were contemporaries. **Here again, was it not Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) who was alluded to by John the Baptist? (pbut)**

THE LEAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Jesus was quoted as saying (***Matthew 11:11***): "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater one than John the Baptist, notwithstanding he that is

least in the kingdom of heaven, is greater than he."

Can you believe that John the Baptist is greater than Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David and many other Prophets? How many pagans had John the Baptist converted, and how many followers did he have? What were his main achievements? But this is not the main point here. **The question is: who is the least in the kingdom of heaven, greater than John the Baptist**? Surely not Jesus, as at that time the kingdom of heaven was not yet established, and he never claimed to be the least**, *i.e.* the youngest / last prophet**. The kingdom of heaven consists of God as the Supreme Being and all Prophets. **The least or youngest one is Prophet Muhammed (pbuh), the last and final Prophet. No other person upto now has ever claimed to be a prophet with divine revelation since Jesus, except prophet Muhammed. It is imperative that the followers of Jesus should at least read the Qur'an, and decide to accept or reject the message.**

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

In his sermon on the mount, Jesus was quoted as saying (***Matthew 5:9)*** "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Islam means Surrender to Allah and also Peace: peace between the Creator and the worshipper. Jesus could not mean his mission as peacemaker as he did not come for peace. (***Matthew 10:34-36):*** "**Think not that I am come to send peace on earth**: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And

a man's foes shall be they of his own household." See also ***Luke 12:49-53***.

Kingdom of Heaven means the establishing of Islam on earth, which is the name given by Allah for His religion. The Qur'an states in the final precept / bit of revelation at the time of the farewell pilgrimage of the Prophet: **"This day have I (Allah) perfected for you your religion, and chosen Islam ..."**

COMFORTER

John 14:16:"**And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever."**

We do not know exactly the original Aramaic word used by Jesus for Comforter. English Bibles use Consoler, Advocate, Helper, and in Greek Bibles the word Paraclete. The Church and Priests gives different explanations for it: Holy Spirit, the Word, etc.

The Holy Qur'an states in ***Surah 61:6*** that Jesus explicitly mentioned the name *"Ahmed"*, *"***And (remember) when Jesus Son of Mary said: "O' children of Israel! I am the Apostle of Allah (sent) to you confirming the Torah (which came) before me, and giving glad tidings of an Apostle to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed (i.e. another name of Prophet Muhammed, and literally means the one who praises Allah more than any other)."**

Whatever the explanation is of the Comforter, we can conclude that Jesus left unfinished work and that someone was coming to complete his mission. Let us examine in the light of the Bible if

this Comforter fits the character of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh).

1. "Another Comforter": So many Comforters (prophets) had come and another one was yet to come.
2. "**That he may abide with you for ever": *i.e.*** there was no need for another one to come after him, as he was the Seal of all Prophets. The teaching ***i.e***. **The Glorious Qu'ran, will abide forever, and will remain intact, without any changes or interpolations. In fact the Holy Qur'an remains as pure as it was revealed, more than 1,400 years ago**.
3. **"He will reprove the world of sin**" (***John 16:8):*** All other Prophets, Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon (pbut) chastised their own people for sin, but not the whole world as Muhammed (pbuh) did. He not only rooted out idolatry in Arabia within a 23-year period, but also sent envoys to Heraclius, the Sovereigns of the empires of Persia and Rome, to Najashi, the King of Ethiopia and to Muqauqis, the Governor of Egypt. Copies of his letters to these rulers are in the Topkapi Museum in Turkey even today.

   He reprimanded the Christians for changing the Unity of God into a trinity, for having raised Jesus to Son of God, and God Himself. It was he who condemned the Jews and Christians for having corrupted their Scriptures, remonstrated the birthright of Ishmael (pbuh), and cleared the Prophets from accusations of adultery, incest, rape and idolatry.
4. "The prince of the world is judged" (***John 16:11)***. This is Satan as explained in ***John 12:31 and 14:30.*** So Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) came to chastise the entire world on account of judgment.
5. "**The Spirit of Truth**" (***John 16:13)***. Since childhood, Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) was called **Al-Ameen, *i.e.* the Honest and Truthful One**; and "he will guide you unto all truth..." (***John 16:13***).
6. "**For he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak**" (***John 16:13***).

The Holy Qur'an is verbatim God's word. The angel Gabriel read it to Muhammed (pbuh), he memorized it, and his scribes wrote it down. Not a single word from Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) or his companions is included in the Glorious Qur'an. Imam Bukari and Imam Muslim record the prophet's sayings and teachings separately. They are called Ahadith (Traditions).

Compare with Deuteronomy 18:18: "... and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him." This corresponds with Qur'an: Surah 53:2-4: "Your companion (Muhammed) is neither astray nor being misled. <u>Nor does he speak of (his own) desire. It is only the inspiration that is inspired."</u>

7. "And he will show you things to come" (***John 16:13***). All prophecies of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) came to pass.
8. "He shall glorify me" (***John 16:14***). **It is a fact that the Holy Qur'an and Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) have more reverence for Jesus (pbuh) than the Bible and Christians themselves.** The following will clarify: to believe in his death on the cross discredits his prophethood.

According to ***Deuteronomy 13:5***: "And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death..." It also stamps him as accursed (ALLAH forbid) according to ***Deuteronomy 21:22-23*:** "... for he that is hanged is accursed of God ... ***Matthew 27:46:*** "... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Even a non-prophet would smile at agony if he knew that his death would win him the title of a martyr. Is this not an insult to Jesus (pbuh) in not having faith in ALLAH?

Matthew 7:6: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine..." ***John 2:4***: "Jesus saith unto her (Mary), Woman, what have I to do with thee?"

We Muslims don't believe that Jesus (pbuh) could ever label the gentiles as dogs and swine and address his mother as woman. These are definitely interpolations. Jesus would never speak to his beloved mother in that manner.

The Holy Qu'ran states in ***Surah 19:32***, Jesus said, "And be dutiful to my mother (i.e. Mary), and (Allah) made me not unblessed and arrogant."

REVELATION TO PROPHET MUHAMMED (PBUH)

The first revelation of Allah through the angel Gabriel to Muhammed (pbuh) was the word "**Iqra**" which means, "**Read"** in Arabic. ***Surah 96:v.1.*** As he was unlearned (could not read nor write) he replied: **"I cannot read**." This first revelation was prophesied in ***Isaiah 29:12***: "**And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee" and he saith,** "**I am not learned**." ***Exactly as stated in Isaiah 29:12!***

The order of the revelations is not in the order it is seen in the Qur'an. In other words the first part revealed is not in the first page and the last part revealed is not in the last page. That these revelations came piecemeal bit by bit, (here a little and there a little) and inserted in certain order in the Qur'an as ordained by Allah, was also mentioned in ***Isaiah 28:10-11:*** **"For precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to his people."** See how perfectly

these prophecies fit Prophet Muhammed (pbuh). The Qur'an was revealed over a period of 23 years and it was revealed "precept upon precept" as it was prophesied. **Another tongue means Arabic, not Hebrew or Aramaic which Jesus spoke**. One does not have to stretch one's imagination to make the prophecies fit. GOD makes it easy to have true belief and understanding of his message. It is the Church that is confusing the people with its own interpretations and teachings.

Muslims all over the world use one language, which is Arabic, in calling upon their God, in their prayers, pilgrimage and in their greetings to each other. Also this unity of language had been prophesied in *Zephaniah 3:9:* "For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent." Look how it all fits. The name of God is Allah, which is a pure word, which cannot be corrupted, and every nation be it German, Bosnian, Chinese, Indian, American, Turkish or any nation, calls upon Allah only in Arabic. Alas the Truth has come in Arabic, but some still expect Prophet Jesus (pbuh), to teach mankind to worship Allah in another language in his second coming. We Muslims are sure that Prophet Jesus (pbuh) in his second coming will join the Muslims in their mosques to pray to Allah. He is a Muslim, circumcised, shunning the eating of pork, and abstaining from alcohol and performing prayers with ablution, standing, bowing and prostrating as he did in the Garden of Gethsemane, and as the Muslims pray in their homes and mosques!

It can never be a church as it contains "Graven Images" and has photos, paintings of cherubim and crosses, and Jesus never ever prayed in such a place before.

That day is definitely not far off. Most of the signs foretold by prophet Muhammed prior to Jesus's return to earth have already been fulfilled. The time is very close. I pray to the ONE GOD, Who created all the Angels, Jinn, Mankind, and everything that exists, to guide us unto all truth, as was the earnest prayer of Jesus and all the prophets (pbut), and may Allah accept this humble effort through HIS mercy, of the author, compiler, and all those who have been instrumental in the publication of this book. Ameen.

End of Dialogue! End of Dialogue! End of Dialogue!

THE NON-MUSLIM VERDICT ON PROPHET MUHAMMED (PBUH)

"I have studied him – the wonderful man – and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ he must be called the Saviour of humanity."

"If a man like Muhammed were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world, he would succeed in solving its problems that would bring it the much needed peace and happiness." ***George Barnard Shaw; 'In the Genuine Islam'***

"People like Pasteur and Salk are leaders in the first sense, people like Gandhi and Confucius, on one hand, and Alexander, Caesar and Hitler on the other, are leaders on the second and perhaps the third sense. Jesus and Buddha belong in the third category alone. Perhaps the greatest leader of all times was Muhammed, who combined all three functions. To a lesser degree, Moses did the same. ***'Professor Jules Masserman'***

“By a fortune absolutely unique in history, Muhammed is a three fold founder of a nation, an empire, and of a religion.”

“Head of the State as well as the Church, he was Caesar and Pope in one; but, he was Pope without the Pope’s pretensions, and Caesar without the legions of Caesar, without a standing army, without a bodyguard, without a police force, without a fixed revenue. If ever a man had the right to say that he ruled by a right divine, it was Muhammed, for he had all the powers without their supports. He cared not for the dressings of power. The simplicity of his private life was in keeping with his public life.” ***Reverend Bosworth Smith.***

“Muhammed was the soul of kindness, and his influence was felt and never forgotten by those around him.” ***Diwan Chand Sharma. The Prophets of the East, Calcutta 1935; page 122.***

“Four years after the death of Justinian, 569 years of the Christian era, was born a man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race…Muhammed….”

John William Draper, M.D.; L.L.D. A history of the Intellectual Development of Europe, London 1875, Vol. 1, pp 329-330.

“ In little more than a year he was actually the Spiritual, nominal, and temporal ruler of Madina, with his hands on the lever that was to shake the whole world.” ***John Austin, “Muhammed the Prophet of ALLAH,” in T.P.’S and Cassel’s Weekly of 24 th September 1927.***

“Philosopher, Orator, Legislator, Warrior, Conqueror of ideas, Restorer of rational beliefs, of a cult without images; the founder of twenty terrestrial empires and of ONE SPIRITUAL EMPIRE, that is Muhammed. As regards all standards by which human greatness may be measured, we may well ask, is

there any man greater than he?" Lamatine, Historie de la Turquie, Paris 1854, Vol.II pp. 276…

" It is impossible for anyone who studies the life and character of the great Prophet of Arabia, and who knows how he taught and how he lived, to feel anything but reverence for that mighty Prophet, one of the great messengers of the Supreme. And although in what I put to you I shall say many things which may be familiar to many, yet I myself feel whenever I re-read them, a new way of admiration, a new feeling of reverence for that mighty Arabian Teacher." *Annie Besant, The Life and Teachings of Muhammed, Madras. 1932. Page.4.*

"Muhammed is the most successful of all Prophets and religious personalities." *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

The following is a challenge from ALLAH, the SUPREME LORD to those who still refuse to accept the Qur'an as HIS final Revelation to mankind, and Muhammad as the final Prophet.

"If anyone disputes in this matter with thee, now after (full) knowledge has come to thee, say: " Come! Let us gather our sons and your sons, our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves: then let us pray, and invoke the curse of GOD on those who lie". *Glorious Qu'ran: 3:61.*

The Qur'an also has this warning to those who still reject the truth of Islam: " Those who reject (truth), among the people of the book (respectable title of the Christians & Jews) and among the polytheists, will be in hell-fire, to dwell therein (for ever). They are the worst of creatures. Those who have faith and do righteous deeds they are the best of creatures." *Glorious Qu'ran: 98:6-7.*

PART TWO:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS AND SOME SCIENTIFIC FACTS

SOME RELEVENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. What is the Islamic perception of God or Allah as the Muslims call Him?

A. The Qur'an answers thus:

"Say: He is Allah the One and only,

Allah, the Eternally besought of all,

He begetteth not, nor is He begotten,

And there is none like unto Him." *Chapter 112; vv. 1-4.*

"Allah is the Light of the heavens and the earth…" *Ch.24: v35.*

Q. What are the Islamic criteria for anyone to enter paradise?

A. The Qur'an answers:

" By time,

Verily man is at a loss

Except such as have faith (to believe in the Qu'ran)

And do righteous deeds, and (join together) in mutual enjoining of Truth, and of patience and constancy." *Chapter 103; V. -3.*

Q. What does the Qur'an say about the reason for the creation of humankind?

A. The Qur'an answers:

(Allah says) "I have not created jinn and humankind, except for My worship." *Chapter 51. v. 56.*

Q. What is the daily prayer of a Muslim?

A. The opening chapter of the Qur'an, surah Fatihah:

" In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of all the Worlds,

Most Gracious, Most Merciful;

Master of the Day of Judgment;

Thee alone do we worship, and Thine aid we seek;

Show us the straight way;

The way of those on whom Thou has bestowed Thy Grace

Those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray." *Chapter 1. Vv. 1-7.*

- Commentators of the Qur'an have commented as follows:
- "Those whose portion is wrath" are the Jews who have deliberately distorted the message and are cursed by ALLAH for this.
- Those who have gone astray, are the Christians, as they have made Jesus into god, son of god, and believe in a triune god etc. Every prophet of GOD taught the worship of ONE GOD only but the Church corrupted this fundamental teaching.

Question: How would you describe the life of this world?

Qur'an answers: *Chapter 57. v. 20.*

"Know that the life of this world is only sport (play), and idle talk, and pageantry, and boasting among you, and rivalry in respect of wealth and children; as the likeness of vegetation after rain, whereof the growth is pleasing to the cultivator, but afterwards it dries up and thou sees it turning yellow, then it becomes straw. And in the hereafter there is grievous punishment, and also forgiveness from ALLAH and HIS good pleasure, whereas the life of this world is but a matter of illusion."

(Look to how beautifully ALLAH the Majestic, sums up the explanation of this temporary life in just one verse).

<u>Question</u>: What is recorded in the Qur'an regarding the claim of divinity of Jesus by his followers?

<u>Qur'an Answers:</u> And when Allah will say on the Day of Judgment: "O' Jesus, son of Mary! Did thou say unto mankind: Take me and my mother for two gods besides Allah?" Jesus will reply: "Be Thou Glorified! It was not mine to utter that to which I had no right. If I used to say it, then Thou knewest it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Thy mind. Lo! Thou only! Thou art the Knower of all things hidden. I spoke unto them only that which Thou did command me: (saying) Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. I was a witness of them while I dwelt among them, and when Thou raised me up, Thou was the Watcher over them. Thou art witness over all things. If Thou punish them, lo! they are Thy slaves, and if Thou forgive them, (lo! they are Thy slaves). Lo! Thou, only Thou art the Mighty, the Wise."

"Allah will say: This is a day in which their truthfulness profited the truthful, for theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they are secure for ever, Allah taking pleasure in them and they in Him. That is the supreme triumph" <u>Qur'an*: Chapter 5: verses 116-119*</u>.

Question: How sure are you of your belief, that Islam is the true religion, the ultimate truth, and how would you explain and try and convince someone that what you believe in is logical and reasonable?

Answer: This is a very important question, and the explanation has to stand up to the scrutiny of the skeptics, atheists, pagans and the materialists, etc. Al-Humdulilah, (all praise belongs to Allah) that he has given the answers to every question in His Final Message to the humankind. *i.e.* The Glorious Qur'an.

One has to read the Glorious Qu'ran personally to understand the message. Remember that the Qur'an is explicit in stating: "*There is no compulsion in religion. The right direction is henceforth distinct from error*…" *Qu'ran: 2:v256*.

Revelations originating from one source have to be consistent and not change over whatever time span it took to reveal. That is exactly what the Qu'ran states. Firstly, that a portion of the message were given to various prophets over thousands of years; and specifically names four revelations by name, as well as the names of the prophets that it was revealed to. The Qur'an embodies the full and complete message, as no other prophet and revelation is to follow. That is what Jesus (pbuh) meant when he said that he would pray to the father for another comforter who will abide for all time. The four most important revelations are:

1. The Taurah, (OldTestament) Law: revealed to Prophet Musa, (Moses) (pbuh).
2. Zaboor, or the Psalms: revealed to Prophet Dawood, (David) (pbuh).
3. The Injeel, (Good News) (New Testament) revealed to Prophet Esa (Jesus) (pbuh).
4. The Qur'an, also known as the Fur'qaan, (Criterion) revealed to Prophet Muhammed, (pbuh). The Qu'ran embodies all of the above. Viz: The Law, The Praises

of the Almighty, and The Good News of the Hereafter for the believers.

Any book, which claims to be from God Almighty, has to be perfect in all respects. Some of the criteria are: There should be no contradictions whatsoever, the message should be consistent in whatever it states, whether it is of a scientific nature, or otherwise, and should be able to be proved to be true at ALL TIMES, The Laws governing society should be the best for the people at all times and under all conditions, and so forth. The Qur'an contains all of the above and more. By reading the Qur'an can one understand the uniqueness and perfectness of the Qur'an.

THE QUR'AN WAS REVEALED MORE THAN 1425 YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS NO SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AS WE KNOW TODAY.

The Qur'an has approximately six thousand verses. Of the six thousand verses there are approx 1,000 verses pertaining to science. The majority of these verses pertaining to science were largely UNDISCOVERED until the 1960's to 1990's. In other words most of them were conclusively proven by scientists only recently when science advanced to the extent it has. The following are just a few examples:

Let us begin with our own creation. *ie. Of human beings*.

EMBRYOLOGY

In the early 1980's Muslim scholars, under the direction of an eminent Yemani scholar, Sheikh Abdul Majid Azzindani, collated information concerning embryology and other sciences from the Qur'an and the hadiths of the prophet and translated them into English. He then followed the Qur'anic advice of finding out from those who know. These verses of the Qur'an were presented to Prof. Keith Moore, Professor Of Embryology and Chairman of Anatomy at the University of Toronto, in Canada. Presently he is one of the highest authorities in the

world in the field of Embryology. He was asked to give his opinion regarding the material of the Qur'an that was presented to him.

After carefully examining the verses, Dr. Moore said that most of the information concerning embryology mentioned in the Qur'an and the hadiths is in PERFECT conformity with modern discoveries in the field of embryology. However, he said that there were certain verses of the Qu'ran that he could not comment on, as he himself was unaware of the scientific validity of them, as well as the fact that there was NO MENTION of this in the latest studies of embryology. One such verse is:

"Proclaim! (Or read) In the name of thy Lord and Cherisher, Who created – Created man, out of a (mere) clot of (a leech like) congealed blood". *Al-Qur'an: 96:v1-2.*

Dr. Moore had no knowledge whether an embryo in the initial stage appears like a leech. To verify this he studied the initial stage of the embryo under a very powerful microscope and compared what he observed with the diagram of a leech. He was *ASTONISHED* at the striking resemblance between the two. In the same manner he acquired more information on embryology, which was hitherto not known to him from the Qur'an. Dr. Moore then answered about eighty questions dealing with embryological data mentioned in the Qur'an and hadith. Noting that the information contained in the Qur'an and hadith was in full agreement with the LATEST DISCOVERIES in the field of embryology. Prof. Moore stated: "If I was asked these questions thirty years ago (ie: 1950's), I would not have been able to answer half of them for lack of scientific information".

Dr. Moore authored the book called "The Developing Human" after acquiring new knowledge from the Qur'an and the hadiths. This book was the recipient of an award for the best medical book written by a single author. It has been translated into several major languages and is now used a textbook of embryology in the first year of medical studies. In the forward to the book Dr. Moore acknowledges the source of information as

the Glorious Qur’an and the hadiths of the Prophet Muhammed (Pbuh). A few other verses pertaining to the creation of the human being are: “Now let man but think from what he is created! He is created from a drop emitted – Proceeding from between the back bone and the ribs”. *Al-Qur’an: 86:v 5-7.*

In the embryonic stages, the reproductive organs of the male and female, i.e. the testicles and the ovaries, begin their development near the kidney between the spinal column and the eleventh and twelfth ribs.“ And made his progeny from a quintessence of the nature of a fluid despised.” *Al-Qur’an: 32:v8*.

The Arabic word *Sulaalah* means quintessence, or the best part of a whole. Science has recently discovered that only one single spermatozoon that penetrates the ovum is required for fertilization, out of the several million produced by man. That one spermatozoon out of the several millions is referred to in the Qur’an as *sulaalah.*

“Verily We created man from a drop of mingled sperm.” *Al-Quran: 76:v2*.

The Arabic word “nutfatin amshaajin” means mingled liquids of the male and female secretions. “We created you out of dust, then out of sperm, then out of a leech-like clot, then out of a morsel of flesh, partly formed and partly unformed that We may manifest (Our power) to you.” A*l-Qur’an: 22:v5.*

At the ***Mudgah*** stage, if an incision is made in the embryo and the internal organ is dissected, it will be seen that most of them are formed while the remaining are not yet completely formed.

“Man We did create from a quintessence; then We placed him as (a drop of sperm) in a place of rest, firmly fixed; then We made the sperm into a clot of congealed blood; then of that clot We made a (foetus) lump; then We made out of that lump bones and clothed the bones with flesh; then We developed out of it another creature. So blessed be Allah, the best to create.” *Al-Qur’an: 23:v12-14*

"And He created for you (the faculties) of hearing and sight and feeling and understanding, little thanks it is you give." *Al-Qur'an: 23:v78*.

"He makes you in the wombs of your mothers, in stages, one after another, in three veils of darkness." *Al-Qur'an. 39:v6*.

According to Prof. Moore, these three veils of darkness refer to: (i) the anterior wall of the mother. (ii) The uterine wall. (iii) The amino-chorionic membrane. The above are the exact stages of the creation of man, which was discovered by Dr. Moore only after the Qur'anic verses were made known to him.

In 1981, during the Seventh Medical Conference in Damman, Saudi Arabia, Dr. Moore said: "It has been a great pleasure for me to help clarify statements in the Qur'an about human development. It is clear to me that these statements must have come from God, or Allah as the Muslims call Him, because almost all this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later. *This proves to me that Muhammed must have been a messenger of Allah or God*."

Prof. Marshall Johnson who is one of the leading scientists in the USA, and is the head of the Dept. of Anatomy and Director of the Daniel Institute at the Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, was asked to comment on the verses dealing with embryology.

He said: "I see nothing here in conflict with the concept that Divine intervention was involved when Muhammed (pbuh) recited the Qur'an."

The following comments have been made *by Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson, who is the Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA.*

Formerly, he was Prof. Of Ob-gyn and the Chairman of the Ob-gyn at the University of Tennessee, USA. He was also the President of the American Fertility Society. He has received many awards, including the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology Recognition Award in 1992.

Professor Simpson studied the following two Hadiths, (sayings of the Prophet of Islam).

1. *"In every one of you, all components of your creation are collected in your mother's womb by forty days."*
2. *"If forty days have passed over the embryo, Allah sends an angel to it, who shapes it and creates its hearing, vision, skin, flesh, and bones…"*

He studied these two sayings of the Prophet Muhammad, noting that the first forty days constitute a clearly distinguishable stage of embryogenesis. He was particularly impressed by the absolute precision and accuracy of those sayings of the Prophet. He concluded that this information could not have been obtained on the basis of scientific knowledge that was available at the time of the writer (in the 7th century). "It follows that not only is there no conflict between genetics and Islam, but in fact Islam may guide science by adding revelation to some of the traditional scientific approaches…. there exists statements in the Qur'an shown centuries later to be valid which support the fact that knowledge in the Qur'an having been derived from God. (Allah)."

He went on to say that the point regarding the accuracy of the sayings by the Prophet as noted by other speakers at the conference leads all of the eminent Professors to one conclusion, and that is that the Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) had got the knowledge from God, and he was definitely a messenger of God.

There are many more ayaat in the Qur'an relating to the creation of man in much detail. Please refer to the Qur'an.

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When he was asked about the scientific miracles of the Qur'an that he researched, he commented as follows:

"The way it was explained to me is that Muhammad was a very ordinary man. He could neither read nor write. In fact he was unlearned in the sense we understand. And we are talking about 14 hundred years ago. Here you have an illiterate person making profound pronouncements and statements and that are amazingly accurate about scientific nature. And I personally cannot see how this could be a mere chance! There are too many accuracies and, like Dr. Keith Moore, I have no difficulty in my mind that this is a divine inspiration of revelation which led him to these statements."

Professor Persaud has included some Qur'anic verses and sayings of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) in some of his books, as well as presenting them at several conferences.

There are dozens of scientists like Dr. Persaud, Dr. Moore & Dr. Simpson who have reached the same conclusion. In the face of such overwhelming proof of acceptance by these eminent scientists in their respective fields, it is impossible for any person or for that matter any court of law not to accept the evidence of the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and that the Qur'an is the word of Allah.

GENERAL SCIENCE

FINGERPRINTS

"Does man think that We cannot assemble his bones? Nay, We are able to put together in perfect order the very tips of his fingers." *Al-Qur'an: 75:v3-4*.

Unbelievers deny the resurrection-taking place after death. Allah, the Almighty answers that He will not only assemble our bones, but will also reconstruct perfectly our very fingertips. In 1880, fingerprinting became the scientific method of identification, after research by Sir Francis Golt. No two persons

fingerprints are alike, not even identical twins. One thousand four hundred years ago when no one knew this, the Qur'an stated this fact. Can this knowledge be human or divine?

ASTRONOMY (Big Bang Theory).

" Do not the unbelievers see that the heavens and the earth were joined together (as one unit of creation), before WE clove them asunder? We made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe? *Al-Qur'an: 21:v30*.

Regarding the joining of the heavens and earth and its cleaving asunder, it was verified conclusively fairly recently. With regard to every living thing made with water has also been verified. We know that cytoplasm, which is the basic substance of the cell is made up of 80% of water. Is it possible for a person to make this perfect pronouncement living in the desert of Arabia, where there is a shortage of water to state unequivocally that every living thing is made with water?

"And the earth, moreover, hath HE made egg-shaped." *Al-Qur'an: 79:30*.

The Arabic word for egg in this verse is "Dahaahaa," which means an ostrich egg, and the ostrich egg resembles the geo-spherical shape of the earth. Thus the Qur'an correctly describes the shape of the earth, though the notion at the time the Qur'an was revealed was that the earth was flat.

The following verse also alludes to the earth being spherical:

" He created the heavens and the earth in true (proportions): He merges the Night into day, and the Day to over lap the Night." *Al-Qur'an: 39:v5.*

Merging here means that the night slowly and gradually changes to day and vice versa. This phenomenon can only take place if

the earth is spherical. If the earth were flat there would have been a sudden change from night to day, and from day to night.

Regarding the earth and the planets and other bodies have a set orbit. (Discovered over the past century or so.)

" It is He Who created the Night and the Day, and the sun and the moon: All (the celestial bodies) swim along, each in its *rounded course*." *i.e. an orbit*. *Al-Qur'an: 21:33*.

OCEANOLOGY

"And made a *separating bar* between the two bodies of flowing water." *Al-Qur'an: 27:61. (Also in 25:53 & 55:19).*

German scientists have proved this in the 1960's that the waters in the oceans that meet (like the Indian and Atlantic oceans) do not mix as each ocean keeps its own salinity and density. It is as if there is an invisible bar keeping the water separated. Glory is to ALLAH alone. HE has power over all things. It has taken man more than 1400 years after the Qur'an was revealed to discover these scientific facts.

BOTANY

"Glory to ALLAH, Who has created all the sexual pairs, of that which the earth produces, as well as their own (human) kind and (other) things of which they have no knowledge." *Al-Qur'an: 36:36.*

"And of everything WE have created (sexual) pairs." *Al-Qur'an: 51:49.*

How can it be possible for any human being to know that there is male and female gender in the vegetable kingdom unless this knowledge is from the ALL-KNOWER, WHO CREATED THEM? This also is a fairly recent discovery by the scientists during the twentieth century 1400 years after the revelation of the Qur'an.

MEDICAL DISCOVERIES

Honey has Healing Properties.

"There issues from within their bodies a drink of varying colours, wherein is healing for men." *Al-Qur'an. 16:v69*.

Not too long ago it was discovered that honey comes from the belly of the FEMALE BEE. It was originally thought that it was the male bee that collected honey in its mouth. The fact that it was the female bee that collected the honey in its belly was mentioned in the Qur'an 1,400 years ago. We now also know that honey has healing properties when taken orally, or when applied, it acts as an antiseptic as is mentioned in the Qur'an.

Thus the knowledge contained in the Qur'an regarding honey, its origin and properties, was far ahead of the time it was revealed.

PAIN RECEPTORS IN THE SKIN

In the past it was thought that the sense of feeling and pain was only dependant on the brain. Recent discoveries prove that there are pain receptors present in the skin itself, without which a person would not be able to feel pain.

Prof. Tagatat Tejasen, Chairman of the Department of Anatomy at Chiang Mai University in Thailand, has spent a great amount of time on research of pain receptors. Initially he could not believe that the Qur'an mentioned this scientific fact over 1,400 years ago. In fact at first he refused to accept it. He later verified the translation of this particular Qur'anic verse.

Prof. Tejasen was so impressed by the scientific accuracy of the Qur'anic verse, that at the 8th Saudi Medical Conference held in Riyadh about the 1980's on the Scientific Signs of the Qur'an and Sunnah he proclaimed in public:

" LA ILAHA ILLAL-LAH, MUHAMMADUR RASULLULAH."

"There is no God except ALLAH, and Muhammed (pbuh) is His servant and Messenger."

The above scientific verses are just a few of those that are mentioned in the Qur'an. But any unbiased reader will not fail to realise the truth of the Qur'an and the Prophethood of the final messenger, Muhammed (pbuh) by reading these few.

ALLAH has made the Qur'an easy to remember. That is a fact, as any Muslim will verify.

Millions of Muslims have memorized the ENTIRE Qur'an from as young as FIVE YEARS old and even as old as EIGHTY YEARS. No other religious scripture can boast of this. In the year 2004, at a rough guess, at least two per cent out of a total population of 1.2 billion Muslims are Huffaz. (i.e. Persons who have memorized the entire Qur'an.) *<u>That is approx 2,000,000.</u>* If one considers this over the period of 1.400 years, then the figure could easily be more that 25,000,000 persons who have/had memorized the <u>entire</u> Glorious Qur'an in Arabic. The rest of the over ONE BILLION Muslims have memorized many chapters of the Qur'an, as it is a requirement to read verses of the Qu'ran in the five daily prayers. The majority of the Huffaz are non-Arabs whose mother tongue is not Arabic. They are Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Turks, Uzbeks, and Malaysians, French, Italians, Bosnians, Chechnya's etc yet they all are so easily memorizing the Qur'an in Arabic.

<u>Question:</u> **Are there even FIVE Christians in the whole world today, that can say that they have memorized the ENTIRE BIBLE? OR EVEN HALF OF THE BIBLE in any of their own languages, SINCE THE FIRST COPIES OF THE BIBLE WERE PRINTED?? <u>Definitely not</u>!!** The reason for that is very simple. The original Bible in the words of Jesus (pbuh) who spoke ARAMAIC never existed! Jesus never gave permission for it to be written down. The Bibles of today are Gospels of the followers of Jesus. i.e. Matthew, Mark, John, Luke and others. Paul, who corrupted the pure teachings of Jesus by introducing paganism into his teachings, never saw Jesus with his own eyes or even met him! Also the Bible has been revised, re-revised, re-re-revised dozens of times. Any person reading the forwards to the many different VERSIONS will attest to this fact. Some Bibles

have 73 books; some have 67 books and so forth. Some Churches do not accept the Bibles of other Churches. Yet they all claim to follow Jesus. How can that be possible I ask? The quotations in this book have been taken from FIVE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF BIBLES.

ALLAH warns in the Qur'an: "Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands and then say: This is from God, to traffic with it for a miserable price! Woe to them for what their hands do write, and woe to them for the gain they make thereby." _Qur'an. Chapter. 2. V. 79._

"HE created Adam from dust, then HE said unto him, BE! And he was. _Qur'an. Ch. 3. V.59_.

"Lo! The likeness of Jesus with ALLAH is as the likeness of Adam. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them." _Qur'an. Ch. 5.v.73_.

Fact! The Qur'an is the most read book on the face of this planet.

Muslims read the Qu'ran daily throughout the world, individually and in congregation during the obligatory prayers. IT IS THE ONLY BOOK THAT ONE NEVER GETS TIRED OF READING OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. ASK ANY MUSLIM. Nowadays thousands of non-Muslims are reading the Qur'an and are finding it so powerful and enlightening that even if they do not accept Islam, they nonetheless read it for inspiration. Prime Minister Blair of Britain and President Clinton of the USA and Clinton's daughter are just some examples.

MOST CHRISTIANS HAVE NEVER READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE EVEN ONCE IN THEIR LIVES. They have read only selected verses in churches and most of them hardly ever read the Bible at home. Many Non-Muslims like Priests and ordinary Christians have accepted Islam only on hearing the Qur'an being recited in Arabic. Log onto: www.everymuslim.com. for this information. Some selected verses from the Glorious Qur'an pertaining to Jesus (pbuh).

“They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! ALLAH (GOD) is the Messiah, son of Mary. The Messiah (himself) said: O’ Children of Israel, worship my LORD and your LORD. Lo! Whosoever ascribeth partners to ALLAH, for him ALLAH has forbidden paradise; his abode is the fire. For evildoers there will be no helpers. They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! ALLAH (GOD) is the third of the three; when there is no god save the ONE GOD. If they desist not from so saying, a painful doom will fall on those who disbelieve. Will they not rather turn to ALLAH and seek forgiveness of HIM? For ALLAH is Forgiving and Merciful.” *Qur’an. Chapter 5 vv. 72-74.*

“And when Jesus, son of Mary said: “O’ Children of Israel! Lo! I am the messenger of ALLAH unto you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmed. Yet when he had come to them with clear proofs, they said: This is mere magic. And who does greater wrong than he who inventeth a lie against ALLAH when he is summoned unto Islam? And ALLAH guides not wrong doing folk!” *Glorious Qur’an. Chapter 61. vv.6-7.*“And mention in the book (Qur’an) the story of Mary, when she withdrew from her people to a place in the east. And she placed a screen to screen herself from them; then WE sent unto OUR Sprit that appeared to her as a man in all respects. She said: I take refuge in the ALL-MERCIFUL from you. If you fear ALLAH…” He said, I am but a messenger come from your LORD, to announce to you the gift of a holy son. She said: How can I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste? He said: even so your LORD has said: Easy is that for ME, and that we may appoint him as a sign unto men and a mercy from US; it is a thing decreed. So she conceived him, and withdrew with him to a distant place.” *Qur’an. Chapter.19. Vv. 16-22.*

Some facts pertaining to the teachings of Jesus and Moses (pbut) that Muslims follow still up to today that Christians don’t follow: (The following are a few of them.)

- ✓ Muslims wash their face, hands, and feet before praying, as Moses and Jesus (pbut) did. Christians don’t.
- ✓ Muslims remove shoes, cover their heads and enter the place of worship. Christians worship with their shoes on and men remove their hats.
- ✓ Muslims prostrate (on their faces) and pray as Jesus did in the Garden of Gethsemane when he beseeched God to save him. Christians don’t. They sit on seats in Churches.
- ✓ Muslims never eat pork as Jesus also never ate pork. Christians do. It is one of their favorite dishes.
- ✓ Muslims don’t indulge in usury. Christians live on usury.
- ✓ Muslims commemorate the sacrifice of Prophet Abraham annually. Christians never do.
- ✓ Muslim males all circumcise. Jesus was circumcised. Christian males don’t circumcise.
- ✓ Muslims fast a whole lunar month each year. Jesus also fasted. Christians don’t.
- ✓ Muslims eat with their right hands as Jesus did. Christians eat with their left hands and use knives and fork.
- ✓ Muslim Mosques (In Arabic: Masjid; places of worship) don’t have “Graven Images” as was the case in Synagogues where Jesus prayed. Christian Churches are full of them, as well as paintings of faces etc.

The Christians do not practice all of the above. This also proves that Muslims are more Christian than the Christians themselves, as they obey Jesus (pbuh) more than them! It is true that one imitates the one whom one loves. Muslims love and revere Jesus (pbuh) more than Christians as we follow all his commandants.

Epilogue.

This book is dedicated to **Sheik Ahmed Deedat, Dr.Zakir Abdul Karim Naik, & Jamal Badawi** and to all the ordinary Muslims who are propagating Islam and whose efforts are inspiring millions of people around the world to examine their beliefs, be it Muslim, Christian, Hindu or Jew. Their efforts encouraged us all to understand the purpose of human existence. For surely human beings have been created for a higher purpose than just for eating, drinking, pro-creating and sleeping. Animals do that as well. If that were the reason, then humans would have been no better than animals, which is definitely not the case.

It is the earnest wish of the Author and the Compiler, that after reading this book, it will spur its readers to want to know more about Islam, and will encourage them to purchase a copy of the Qur'an to read and experience for themselves, the Miracle of the "Word of Allah." The Author & Compiler would appreciate any constructive comments and advices, as well as to point out any errors that may have crept in. May Allah with His infinite mercy guide all of us, who sincerely wish to be guided to the truth! Ameen.

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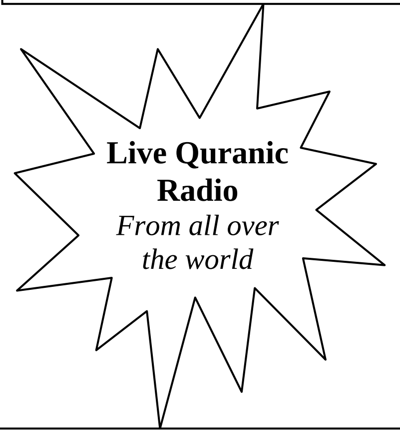
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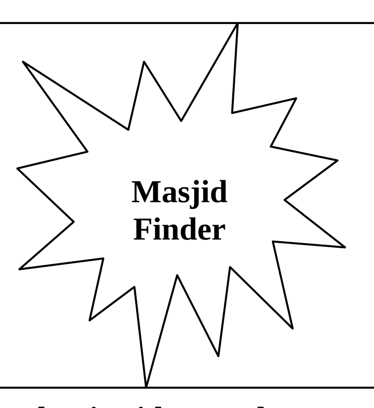
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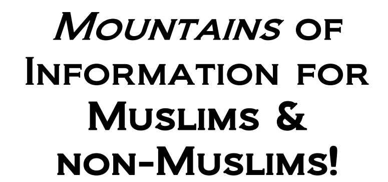


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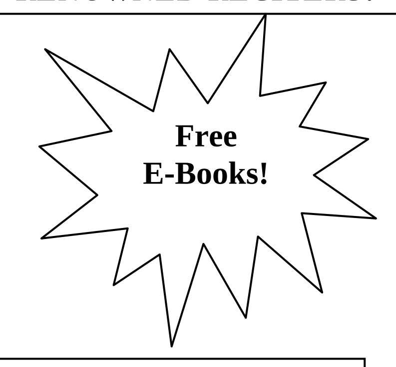
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